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August 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

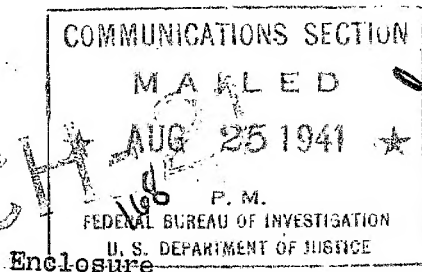
There is transmitted herewith a dossier showing the information presently available in the files of this Bureau with respect to Ben Rubin whose address is 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

It is recommended that this individual be considered for custodial detention in the event of a national emergency. The information contained on the attached dossier constitutes the basis for appropriate consideration in this regard.

It should be understood, of course, that additional information may be received from time to time supplementing that already available in the Bureau's files, and as such data are received they will be made available to you so that the dossier in your possession may be supplemented thereby.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience as to the decision reached in this case.

Very truly yours,



J. E. Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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RUBIN, BEN

420 Woodward Street
Reading, Pennsylvania 7/2/41

COMMUNIST.

Attended a school held at Beacon, New York by the Communist Party from February 2, 1938 until April 12, 1938. (Andrew Rice, 1957 North 24th Street, Philadelphia, Penna., 10/26/40; 100-7709-1)

Was present at a meeting in Communist Party Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois 6/9/40. (Confidential Informant N., Chicago, Illinois, 6/23/40; 61-7559-7910)

Candidate for Congress of Pennsylvania on the Communist Party ticket. (Pamphlet on file at Bureau apparently issued by Communist Party, 10/22/40; 61-7559-10704)

Is a Communist organizer for Berks County, Pennsylvania. (Undecipherable name, 620 Elm Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1/5/41; 61-7559-11334).

Communist Party Secretary for State of Pennsylvania. (Daily Worker, 4/8/39; 61-7559-11220)

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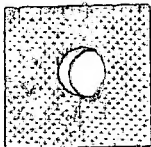
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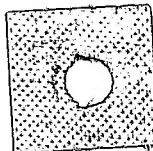
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Registered in Berks County, Pennsylvania for the General Election of 1940 as a Communist. (Berks County, Pennsylvania Registrar of Voters, 2/27/41; 61-7559-11542).

Introduced the speaker at a Communist Party mass meeting in Reading, Penna., 2/12/41. (SA F.E. Wright, Philadelphia, Penna., 2/23/41; 61-7559-11510). *mel* ✓



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September 26, 1941

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REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RE: BEN RUBIN
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic
copy of a custodial detention card relating to

Ben Rubin
420 Woodward Street
Reading, Pennsylvania

for appropriate and expeditious attention in
accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

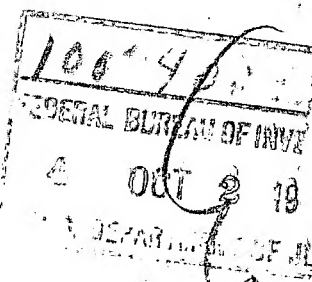
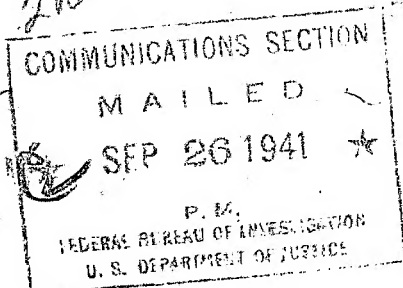
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RUBIN, BEN
420 Woodward Street
Reading, Pennsylvania (5/28/41)

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COMMUNIST.

Subject sentenced to from one to two years in county jail and fined \$100 for each of two perjury charges by three inferior court Judges sitting in Reading, Pa. Sentence was for circulating CP nominating petitions in 1940. (Sunday Worker, 7/6/41 p. 4) (Clipping in 61-7559-A) 9/29/41 BWH ✓

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Philadelphia, Penna.

November 22, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BEN RUBIN, ALIAS
Barnard Rubin
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Transmitted herewith is the report of Special Agent W. R. LORRY dated November 22, 1941 at Philadelphia, in the above entitled case, reviewing the information presently in the possession of this office and setting out leads for further information so that a supplemental C. D. memorandum may be submitted.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the reference in this report, it being the Philadelphia letter of December 27, 1940, submitting considerable information about RUBIN which does not appear in the photostatic copy of the C. D. card made up long subsequent to the aforementioned letter.

It is felt that the Bureau may wish to replace the present C. D. card it has on the subject with a new card including the additional information submitted on December 27, 1941 in the aforementioned letter.

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Very truly yours,

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J. F. Sears
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-386** ADG

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Penna.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-22-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-12-41	REPORT MADE BY W. R. LORRY
TITLE BEN RUBIN, Alias Barnard Rubin			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

RUBIN born New York City April 7, 1912 and attended New York Public School. Has worked as a journalist and writer, although not connected with any publication, and is an organizer for the Communist Party. Now residing, Reading, Pennsylvania, where in 1940 he circulated Communist Party petitions, he being a candidate for United States Congress on the Communist Ballot. Convicted 12-1940, Reading, Pa. on charges of perjury and election law violation, and on 7-2-41, sentenced to one year and a fine of \$100.00 and costs. Conviction presently being appealed, RUBIN being out on Bond. Subject now employed at the Beryllium Corporation, Temple, Penna., as a laborer. Is an intimate associate of JEAN HILLIS, Reading, Penna. and an active worker in the Workers' Alliance. Custodial Detention information submitted Bureau.

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REFERENCE:

Letter to Bureau dated 12-27-40.

DETAILS:

This report incorporates the information received from the Pennsylvania Motor Police in a number of their reports.

In the Criminal Intelligence report of

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES DESTROYED 7-8-58 COPIES OF THIS REPORT DEC 1 15 33 BH:41 (5) - Bureau 2 - Philadelphia CC to Div of Rec E. C. [unclear] 81-16-413 [unclear]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> 100-40033-6 NOV 24 1941 RECEIVED </div> <div> RECORDED & INDEXED EX-2 </div> </div>
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Private L. L. LUCAS, Pennsylvania Motor Police, dated September 14, 1940, relative to BEN RUBIN, it was reported that RUBIN was born in New York City on April 7, 1912, the whereabouts of his parents, ANNA and JACOB RUBIN being unknown. He received a tenth grade education in the public schools of New York City and no record of his subsequent employment was obtained. Subject had stated that he has been a journalist and has written articles on Socialism and he is known to be an active organizer for the Communist Party.

RUBIN came to Reading, Pennsylvania, early in 1940 and immediately became active in the affairs of the Communist Party, circulating and causing to be circulated petitions for the placing of Communist candidates on the ballot. At the time, he himself, was running for congressman on the Communist ticket. It was learned that RUBIN was circulating his petitions among an illiterate group of people, misleading them in the belief that the petitions were seeking higher wages for the W.P.A. and to secure more playgrounds for the children, and many of the people did not understand that they were signing a communist petition.

On instructions from the District Attorney of Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania, JAMES MARX, subject was arrested by County Detectives on August 28, 1940, charged with perjury and violating the election code. He was released from custody on \$5,000 bond, his bail being entered by WILSON K. JOHN, 614 North 3rd Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, who was stated to be an acknowledged communist and active member of the Communist Party.

At that time RUBIN was living at 420 Woodward Street, with JEAN HILLIS, who is an active worker in the Workers' Alliance, and also alleged to be a Communist. During the legal proceedings he was represented by Philadelphia attorneys, PHIL DORFMAN and L. R. TITELMAN. At the time subject was committed to the Berks County prison, he refused to have fingerprints taken, claiming it was a violation of his civil rights. His fingerprints, however, were taken.

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In the Pennsylvania Motor Police report of July 2, 1941, made by Private C. H. FISHER, and L. L. LUCAS, it is disclosed that subject was tried in the Berks County Criminal court, Reading, Penna., December session, 1940 and found guilty on two charges of perjury and one charge of violation of the Election Laws. RUBIN'S motion for a new trial was rejected and on July 2, 1941 he was sentenced on each of two charges of perjury to one year in the Berks County Prison to run concurrently and to pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs of prosecution. The sentence was suspended on the Election Law violation. RUBIN'S attorneys entered appeal to the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts and RUBIN was released on bond of \$2500. Private L. L. LUCAS of Penna. Motor Police submitted two reports, dated October 13 and October 15, 1941, reflecting that subject was now employed as a laborer-forman at the Beryllium Corporation, Temple, Pennsylvania, receiving .50 $\frac{1}{2}$ per hour. His employment number is 389, social security # 196-12-5859 and he began employment on October 7, 1941, working under the name of BARNARD RUBIN. When employed, he gave his residence as 126 South 9th Street, Reading, Pa., a rooming house operated by Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL EHRGOOD. There are a number of roomers at this house, including subject's friend, JEAN HILLIS, but subject's name does not appear on the register at that house. Private LUCAS indicated that he is making a further inquiry in this regard.

In the report of Private E. J. STRICKLAND, Pennsylvania Motor Police, June 28, 1941, in the case entitled J. HAROLD PHILLIPS, Alias RED PHILLIPS, INTERNAL SECURITY (R), (Phila. file 100-2234), it is set forth that BEN RUBIN a noted communist, has been seen in the company of PHILLIPS in West Leesport, Pennsylvania, and that PHILLIPS had contacted different people whose names are unknown, for the purpose of appearing as character witnesses for RUBIN during the latter's trial in Reading, Pennsylvania.

In the report of Privage CHARLES H. FISHER, Pennsylvania Motor Police, July 7, 1941, in the case entitled RICHARD BONNE, INTERNAL SECURITY (R) (Phila. file 100-2414), it is revealed that during his trial in Reading on perjury charges RUBIN admitted that he was a communist.

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The photostat of the Bureau's C.D. card indicates among others, that RUBIN is a Communist organizer for Berks County Pennsylvania and gives as source for this information, "Undecipherable name, 620 Elm Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1-5-41".

Description of subject as obtained by the Pennsylvania Motor Police, is as follows:

Age:	28 years
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	186 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Medium fair
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Brown
Nationality:	Jewish
Occupation:	Journalist
Residence:	New York and Reading, Penna.

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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Will ascertain whether notes of testimony were taken during the trial of RUBIN on charges of perjury and Election Law violations, during the December term, 1940. If subject's testimony was taken the identity of the stenographer should be obtained and it should be ascertained that he has retained custody of his original notes of that portion of the testimony in which RUBIN admitted he was a Communist, and this should be obtained so that it can be quoted verbatim.

Will ascertain the identity of the occupants of 620 Elm Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, as of 1-5-41, so that complete source of information may be submitted to the Bureau.

Will contact Private L. L. LUCAS, Penna. Motor Police Barracks, West Reading, Pennsylvania, to ascertain whether he has verified subject's residence and will advise whether it is 126 South Main Street, Reading, Penna.

Will submit to the Bureau complete supplementary information in supplemental C.D. memorandum.

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HR:GD

December 9, 1941

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REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Special Agent in Charge
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RE: ⁰
 BEN RUBIN
 INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

— ~~x~~ an addition to the Custodial Detention card relating to Subject. This addition is to be attached to the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card already in your possession.

— a revised Custodial Detention card relating to Subject to be substituted for the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card presently in your possession which should be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

To: _____
 E. A. Tamm _____
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 Glavin _____
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HR:SS

December 26, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is submitted herewith an addition to a
dossier dated September 29, 1941, concerning
Ben Rubin, which was
originally submitted under date of August 25, 1941,
re Ben Rubin.

In view of the additional information, it will
be appreciated if you will advise of your opinion in this
case.

Very truly yours;

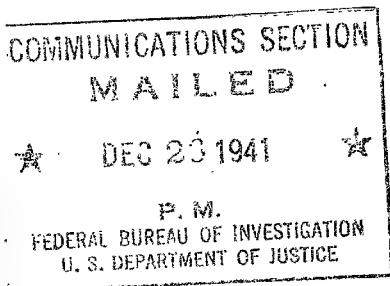
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 9, 1942

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Honorable Guy L. Moser
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letters of December 31, 1941, addressed to Assistant Director W. R. Glavin, concerning Rudy Schroeder, Ben Rubin and Harry Brown, have been referred to me.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your cooperative spirit in making the data contained in your letters available to the FBI. I have carefully noted the content of both of your communications and it is indeed gratifying to receive specific information set forth in a concise manner. You may rest assured that the data are receiving appropriate consideration.

I am confident that you will continue to bring to our attention any items which you believe pertinent to the nation's internal security inasmuch as we are exerting the utmost vigilance to secure the country from subversive activities of any nature.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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RECORDED Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RE: BEN RUBIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir :

There are transmitted herewith for appropriate attention copies of a letter dated December 31, 1941, addressed to Assistant Director W. R. Glavin by Honorable Guy L. Moser, Member of Congress.

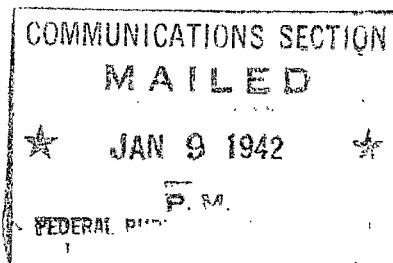
It is noted that the communication concerns the above-captioned individual who is the subject of a file in your office. The information furnished by Congressman Moser should be considered in conjunction with the data now on record in your office and studied carefully for investigative leads.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 31, 1941

William Richard Glavin, Esq.
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dick:

The ~~X~~Beryllium Corporation, of Temple, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the former property of the ~~X~~Temple Malleable Iron Works, is reported to me to be engaged on sub-contracts and the manufacture of articles and materials going into Defense industry. It is also reported to me that Ben Rubin, the Communist deserter from the Loyalist Army in Spain, is employed there, who, in his vaunted capacity as Educational Director for the Workers' Alliance, came to Reading in 1939 and immediately undertook to have that group adopt a resolution to resort to physical force, if necessary, to seize and carry me away if I appeared to take part in the ceremonies attendant on the cornerstone laying at the new post office building May 13, 1939. They disappointed me and did not try it.

In 1940 Ben Rubin, under date of May 2nd, appeared at the Court House in Reading, made affidavit he was born in New York State and had been in Pennsylvania a year, thereby qualifying to vote, and registered the Communist Party as his Political Party preference. However, on March 23, 1940, under affidavit he filed petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg to have his name entered on the General Election ballot as a Communist candidate for Congress, for which he competed against me in the 1940 Election. In the circulation and solicitation of names for these petitions, names were obtained from people who avowedly had no idea what they were signing, and were willing to go to Court and say so under oath, while attesting to the schemes that were employed to obtain their signatures.

On this premise the District Attorney caused the arrest of Ben Rubin, and when I informed him of the conflict of interest filed at Harrisburg, swearing that he was a qualified Elector of Pennsylvania, when he didn't qualify for some six weeks later, another affidavit comparable with the first one, the District Attorney charged him with it and indicted him.

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~~Harry Brown~~ has always been actively engaged with radical groups in Berks County. Although he claims to be a Democrat, he is an out and out Communist. He was very active in circulating Communist petitions for Rubin, and was also indicted in connection with charges concerning the petitions and obtaining signatures thereto; and both of these men, abundantly supplied with counsel by the Civil Liberties Union from Philadelphia and New York, were convicted in the Common Pleas Court of Berks County; following which both applied for new trials, which were denied.

Following this, they took their cases to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, where the Lower Court was sustained. Both of them now await sentence next month.

On last Friday evening on Penn Street in Reading, I was informed by a newspaper reporter that both Brown and Rubin are employed by the Beryllium Corporation at Temple and that both of them have been very boastful of the soft snaps they have and the freedom of action accorded them. While I have no idea what the Beryllium Corporation may be manufacturing, certainly Rubin and Brown are not the type of men who should be entrusted with any responsibility at all in the manufacture of anything going into Defense industry; and I consider it more of an obligation on my part to apprise you of what I learned than to attempt to use you to give expression to any prejudice I might have against a pair of punks and yellow-bellies like these proved themselves to be.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Guy L. Moser
GUY L. MOSER, M. C.

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7/8/43

Date:

To: MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BARNARD RUBIN, alias Ben Rubin,
Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben,
196 Willow Street
Waterbury, Connecticut

In connection with the above-captioned individual there were transmitted to you two investigative reports by memorandum dated May 17, 1943, captioned "Barnard Rubin, with aliases Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben, Custodial Detention - C, Waterbury, Connecticut." It has been noted that there was also transmitted to you by memorandum dated December 26, 1941, an addition to a dossier dated September 29, 1941, concerning Ben Rubin of 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. This earlier material related to the same individual who now resides in Waterbury, Connecticut.

For your further information in connection with this individual there is attached the following:

Report of Special Agent Wilfred R. Lorry dated September 25, 1942 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entitled "Ben Rubin, with alias: Barnard Rubin, Internal Security - R."

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Acers - MR. WENDELL BERGE
Mr. Clegg - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-386 BC**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/25/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/15/42	REPORT MADE BY WILFRED R. LORRY
TITLE BEN RUBIN, with alias: Barnard Rubin			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Large quantity of Communistic literature seized by Pennsylvania Motor Police at Subject's former residence on March 10, 1942. Review made of newspaper, "American Free Press" and items relating to Subject secured therefrom. Pennsylvania Superior Court on July 23, 1942, affirmed conviction of Subject on perjury charges and Subject directed to comply with sentence.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Wilfred R. Lorry dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 22, 1941.

DETAILS: **AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

In the Pennsylvania Motor Police report of Private LESTER L. LUCAS, dated March 10, 1942, information regarding Subject is set forth as follows:

"On this date Officer confiscated a large quantity of Communistic literature at the former residence of one BEN RUBIN and his female associate, one JEAN HILLIS, located at 126 S. 9th Street, Reading, Pa., RUBIN and JEAN HILLIS having rented a two room apartment at the given address sometime last fall and just before this past Xmas, JEAN HILLIS left stating that she was going to Connecticut and BEN RUBIN also left stating he was returning to New York. RUBIN, however, had left some of his clothes at this place and about three weeks ago, a man named CARL KUSHING, a truck driver for the City Laundries of Reading, Pa., came to the rooming house operated by one Mrs. CATHERINE EHRGOOD, 126 S. 9th Street, Reading, Pa., and took BEN RUBIN'S clothes, stating that RUBIN

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"had sent him and that he (KUSHING) would be back later for these books and literature.

"According to Mrs. EHRGOOD, no one has been there since to claim this literature and books and she did not want it in her place, as she has since rented this particular apartment. She also stated that when RUBIN and Miss HILLIS had occupied this apartment, there was considerable activity on their part and they were visited frequently by people whom she did not know, although she did state that this man KUSHING was a regular visitor there as was a man named JOHN from Reading, Pa.

"All these books and literature were then confiscated by the Officer and taken to Troop Headquarters and turned over to the Quartermaster for safekeeping.

"The following is a list of the pamphlets as given by name and authors.

- " 'Free Earl Browder' by Robert Minor
- 'May Day 1941' by I. Amter
- 'Save Your Union' by Louis F. Budenz
- 'An American Foreign Policy for Peace' by Earl Browder
- 'Old Jim Crow has got to Go' by Henry Winston
- 'Earl Browder Says' by Earl Browder
- 'What do you Read?' by Alan Max
- 'Turning Point for the World' by R. Palme Dutt
- 'Victory will be Ours' by Joseph Stalin
- 'What's What About the War' 'Questions and Answers' by William Z. Foster.
- 'The Constitution of the Communist Party of the United States of America'
- 'Communism vs. Fascism' by William Z. Foster
- 'Communism & Culture' by Earl Browder
- 'The Communist Party of the U.S.A. Its History, Role and Organization' by Earl Browder
- 'Stalin Speaks to the World'
- 'The United States and the Soviet Union' by William Z. Foster
- 'Soviet Foreign Relations' by V. M. Molotov
- 'Trends In the Labor Movement' by Roy Hudson
- 'Foundations of Leninism' by Joseph Stalin
- 'The War Crisis' by William Z. Foster

"The following is a list of single books, also by name and author.

- " 'Imperialism by V. I. Lenin
- 'War and the People' by K. Pollard
- 'Women and Society' by V. I. Lenin
- 'The Communist' July 1941 issue, by authors, William Z. Foster, Jack Johnstone, Henry Winston, Erik Bert & Frank Meyer and Robert Strong.
- 'An Outline History of the United States' published by Barnes & Noble, Inc. N.Y.
- 'Marx and the Trade Unions' by A. Lozovsky
- 'Engels on Capital' by the Marxist Library
- 'An outline of Political Science' Barnes & Noble, Inc., New York
- 'An American Testament' by Joseph Freeman
- 'The Case of the Anti-Soviet Bloc of Rights and Trotskyites' From the

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"records of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, March, 1938.

" 'Anti-Duehring' by Frederick Engels.

'Marx-Engels-Marxism' by V.I.Lenin

'Fascism and Social Revolution' by R. Palme Dutt.

'The Negro and the Democratic Front' by Ford.

"All of the above listed books were turned over to this Officer voluntarily by Mrs. CATHERINE EHRGOOD."

Special Agent Norris S. Harzenstein of this office made a review of all of the issues of the "American Free Press", a semi-monthly newspaper published in Philadelphia during the period from February 15, 1940, to February 1, 1941, included. This paper is believed to have been the official organ of the Communist Party in Philadelphia and to have been published by that Party although it has not yet been possible to prove this connection. Photographic copies of this paper have been secured and are maintained in the files of the Philadelphia Field Office. A review of these issues by Special Agent Harzenstein revealed the following information pertaining to Subject.

" 3-1-40, p.1	Mentioned as executive secretary, Berks County Communist Party. Speaker at Communist Party meeting, Odd Fellows Hall, Reading, Pa., 2-9-40, against loans to Finland and U. S. entry into 'imperialist war.'
" 4-15-40, p.1	Mentioned as Communist Party Congressional candidate, 14th District, Berks County.
" 6-1-40, p.1	Rubin, of Reading, mentioned as speaker at District Convention of Communist Party, 5-17,18,19-40.
"10-1-40, p. 1	Article protests prosecution of Rubin, Reading, Pa., on account of Communist nominating petitions.
"11-1-40, p. 1	Speaker, with Carl Reeve, over Reading, Pa., radio station (date not given).
"11-15-40, p. 2	Mentioned as Communist Party candidate for Congress, 14th District, Reading.
"12-15-40, p. 1	Rubin and others prosecuted on account of Communist Party petitions, Reading, Pa. Rubin described as organizer for Communist Party in Reading and as having fought in Spain.
"1-1-41, p. 1	As above.
"1-15-41, p. 1	Campaign of Judge Paul M. Schaeffer, Reading, who tried Rubin, paid for by pro-Nazi owners of Berkshire Knitting Mills.

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"1-15-41, p. 1

Following Rubin's trial, he had Charles M. Tulley, Chief County Detective, Berks County, arrested for perjury. "

On July 23, 1942, the Pennsylvania Superior Court affirmed the conviction of Subject who had been previously sentenced to one to two years on charges of perjury and making false statements. The Court quashed one indictment against RUBIN on a technicality, but this did not affect his sentence. The order of the Court directed Subject to appear in the Berks County Court to comply with his sentence. Subject was represented by DAVID LEVINSON, a Philadelphia attorney, in his appeal and according to newspaper accounts, there was heated argument during the controversy regarding the appeal, between Justice WILLIAM H. KELLER, one of the judges of the Superior Court, and Attorney DAVID LEVINSON.

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PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Will check the records of the County Court to ascertain the final disposition of the case against Subject and will determine the institution in which Subject is lodged.

- * Will ascertain whether notes of testimony were taken during the trial of RUBIN on charges of perjury and Election Law violations, during the December term, 1940. If Subject's testimony was taken, the identity of the stenographer should be obtained and it should be ascertained that he has retained custody of his original notes of that portion of the testimony in which RUBIN admitted he was a Communist. This should be obtained so that it can be quoted verbatim.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

NH FILE NO. 100-6545 MGB

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	DATE WHEN MADE 2/4/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27/43	REPORT MADE BY WALTER A. HILGENDORF
TITLE BENJAMIN RUBIN, alias Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R) CUSTODIAL DETENTION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born New York City December 5, 1911, and employed as inspector of instrument work at the Waterbury Clock Company, Waterbury, Connecticut. He received telegram at Communist Party Headquarters in that city from **ANDREW ONDA**, State Organizational Secretary for the Communist Party, stating that the Subject was expected at the "Party office....10 tomorrow morning."

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DETAILS:

This investigation is based upon confidential information received by Special Agent **GLENN J. McDONOUGH** of the New Haven Field Division, indicating that on November 24, 1942, **ANDREW ONDA**, State Organizational Secretary of the 15th District, Communist Party, forwarded a telegram to **BEN RUBEN**, Room 3, 247 South Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. This telegram read, "Expect you Party office 10 tomorrow morning." Signed, **ANDREW ONDA**.

An investigation was requested of the Waterbury, Connecticut, Police Department, who advised that the **BEN RUBEN** is probably identical with **BENJAMIN RUBIN**, 122 Cooke Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. They stated, furthermore, that Room 3, 247 South Main Street, is rented to **MICHAEL RUSSO** and is the headquarters of the local Communist Party in Waterbury. It should be noted that a separate investigative file has been opened regarding **RUSSO**, who has been active in Communist affairs for some time.

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Continuing, the report of the Waterbury, Connecticut, Police Department stated that the Subject is employed as inspector of instrument work at the Waterbury Clock Company. His employment application states that he was born at New York City, December 5, 1911 of Hebrew parents born in Poland. He was formerly employed from 1929 to 1937 by the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, New York City, from 1937 to 1941 by the Saul Ludwig Tobacco Store, New York City, and from June 13, 1941, to October 23, 1942, as an inspector in the "chucking" department of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Connecticut. He was hired by the Waterbury Clock Company November 16, 1942.

The Subject is registered with Local Draft Board 8, 103 Avenue B, New York City. He was originally in class 4-F, but was recently reclassified as 1-A. The Waterbury Clock Company has asked for his deferrment.

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U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Will locate and interview individuals familiar with the Subject's background in an effort to determine his Communist Party membership or sympathies. .

Will obtain a description of the Subject.

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT FOIA, b. 7 - D

Will maintain contact with for information regarding the Subject.

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JCM:jlj

May 27, 1943

Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

RE: CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a custodial detention card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

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Alias Ben Rubin, Benjamin
Rubin, Ben Ruben

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COMMUNIST

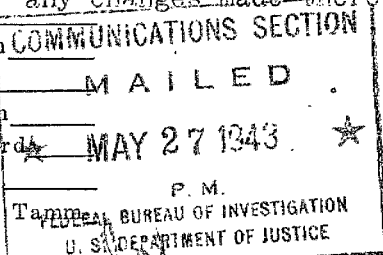
196 Willow Street
Waterbury, Conn. (Res.)

Scovill Manufacturing Co.
Waterbury, Conn. (Bus.)

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Custodial Detention Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

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Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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100-40033

Date: May 31, 1943

To: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BEN RUBIN, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

It is noted that the pending report of Special Agent Wilfred R. Lorry of your office dated September 25, 1942, in the above-captioned matter contained two undeveloped leads for your office bearing upon the subject's alleged election law violations.

The Bureau desires that you give these leads immediate attention and submit a report in the near future. Your attention is called to the fact that this subject's name appears on the "key figure" list of Communists in your Division, in which event the case should be kept in a pending status and his activities kept current at all times.

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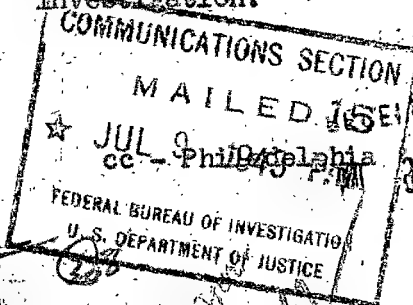
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To: SAC, NEW HAVEN

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BARNARD RUBIN, with
aliases: Ben Rubin, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

In its letter of June 11, 1943, captioned "Ben Rubin, with aliases, Internal Security - R, Custodial Detention," the Philadelphia Office pointed out that the subject of its investigation is identical with the subject of the investigation presently being conducted by your office. Since this subject now resides permanently within the New Haven Field Division's territory New Haven will hereafter be considered the office of origin for further investigation.



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June 11, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: BEN RUBIN, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 31, 1943 in the above captioned matter (Bureau File 100-40033) in which you request a report in the near future.

Attention is directed to the report of Special Agent LOREN D. SWAINE dated 4/28/43 at New Haven, Connecticut, in the case entitled, "BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, CUSTODIAL DETENTION" in which it appears that the subject of the New Haven case is identical with the subject RUBIN in this matter.

There are being forwarded to the New Haven Office, together with a copy of this letter, previous investigative reports prepared by this office concerning RUBIN. All investigation outstanding in the Philadelphia Field Division will be completed in the near future and a report submitted reflecting same. The Bureau is requested to designate the New Haven Office as the office of origin in this matter inasmuch as RUBIN presently resides within that Division.

In view of the fact that RUBIN is not presently residing within this Division, his name is being deleted from the "Key Figure List" in this office. 5

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Very truly yours, B

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cc: New Haven with enclosures -

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Copy of report of Special Agent W. R. LORRY dated 9-25-42 at Philadelphia.

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Letter New Haven
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memo RUC Smith
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To:

Mr. L. H. C. Smith, Chief
Special Air Policies Unit

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin,
Ben Rubon
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C
Waterbury, Connecticut

Copies of the following reports in the case entitled
"BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Rubon;
Internal Security - C, Custodial Detention" are being transmitted
herewith:

Report of Special Agent Walter A. Hilgendorf
dated February 4, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent Leron D. Swayne dated
April 28, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut.

In view of the information contained in these reports,
it is recommended that the subject be considered for custodial
detention. I would appreciate being advised of any action you
may take in this matter.

The investigation is still in a pending status. As

Mr. Tolson further investigative reports are received by this Bureau, they
Mr. E. A. Tamm will be furnished immediately to the Division of Records.

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Mr. Coffey _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Nichols _____

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Mr. Tracy _____

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cc - Mr. Wendell George
Assistant Attorney General

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

FILE NO. **100-6545**

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	DATE WHEN MADE 4/28/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/21, 23/43	REPORT MADE BY LOREN D. SWAYNE
TITLE CHANGED: BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases, Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, and Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BARNARD RUBIN born April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York. Employed by the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Connecticut. Has been in close contact with Communist Party leaders in Connecticut, and according to confidential informants, he has acted as the Communist Party functionary in Waterbury, and is a member of the Communist Party State Committee. Details of activity set out. Description and photograph obtained.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WALTER A. HILGENDORF dated February 4, 1943 at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the true name of Subject as BARNARD RUBIN, and the additional alias of BEN RUBIN, title formerly being carried as BENJAMIN RUBIN alias Ben Ruben.

It is noted that the reference report was based principally upon investigation conducted by the Waterbury Police Department, which reflected that BEN RUBEN, known Communist Party functionary in Waterbury, was probably identical with BENJAMIN RUBIN, 122 Cook Street, Waterbury.

On March 16, 1943, a report was received from the Waterbury Police Department, which stated that BARNARD RUBIN residing at 196 Willow Street, Waterbury, and employed by Scovill Manufacturing Company,

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was undoubtedly the person who was identical with BEN RUBEN. A photograph of BARNARD RUBIN was displayed to LOUIS RICCIUTI, real estate and insurance agent at 247 South Main Street, Waterbury, who identified the photograph as that of the person who had spent considerable time in Room 3, 247 South Main Street, headquarters of the Communist Party in Waterbury.

The police report further reflects that BARNARD RUBIN was born in Brooklyn, New York April 7, 1915, and attended St. John's University three years. In his application for employment at the Scovill Manufacturing Company, the Subject stated according to the police report, that he had previously worked for the Brillium Steel Corporation at Temple, Pennsylvania from April, 1941 to April, 1942; at the Mohn Hat Factory, Chestnut Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, from November, 1940 to April, 1941; and for two years previous to 1940, was a reporter for the American Free Press, South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subject was employed at the Scovill Manufacturing Company July 1, 1942 and was assigned to the "box department." When it was found he was not suited for this type of work, he was transferred to another department, and on August 22, 1942, he gave up his job, stating the work was too hot and heavy. He was re-employed by Scovill, Waterbury, February 24, 1943, and is presently working in the chucking department, pay check number 82583.

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A review of the file reflects that in a memorandum submitted by the writer April 2, 1943, it is stated that on December 2, 1942, [] advised that Subject was present in the Communist Party office located at 9 Center Street, New Haven, Connecticut, and at that time gave a report to ISADORE WOFSEY, State Secretary, and ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party, concerning Communist Party activities in Waterbury, Conn. Concerning the branches of the Party in Waterbury, Subject stated that the regular branch meeting for the Chase Brass was scheduled for the following Sunday, and for the Scovill Branch, was scheduled for the following Monday. RUBIN remarked, however, that he was afraid that the attendance would be poor at both meetings because of the Holiday. In response to this, ONDA remarked the regular meeting should be held even if there were only two or three present, and that this is no time to let down.

In answer to ISADORE WOFSEY's asking about Torrington registrations, the Subject stated that he had none in addition to the report as yet. Both ANDREW ONDA and ISADORE WOFSEY were very critical of this matter, and both stated that they were anxious to get these registrations in. The Subject then stated that the registrations for Waterbury were as follows: 16 registered for the Scovill Branch; 20 registered for the Chase Branch; 12 registered for the A.B.C. Branch; and 13 registered for the Street Branch. ONDA then gave the Subject complete instructions on the registration booklet. ONDA explained the names were to be put on the books, the Branch, etc. WOFSEY then stated that a meeting was scheduled to be held in Bridgeport at 493 Charles Street at the IWO Hall on January 3, 1943 at 6 p.m. Subject was instructed by WOFSEY that he must produce an attendance, for this meeting from Waterbury and Torrington, and that attendance from these cities were the sole responsibility of the Subject.

~~Confidential Informant~~ [] advised that on December 30, 1942, the Subject was again in the Party office, and at that time stated to ISADORE WOF SY that the workers at the Chase and other Waterbury plants, need to be given a comprehensive picture of the Communist Party, the Browder book and the other pamphlets are not enough. WOF SY then stated that he or ONDA will be glad to come to Waterbury to talk to the workers whenever the Subject wants to arrange a meeting. WOF SY then went into detail with BEN RUBIN, explaining the new method of handling Daily Worker subscriptions.

[] advised that on January 5, 1943, the Subject was again at the Party office at 9 Center Street, New Haven. At that time, the Subject explained to ISADORE WOF SY that the LENIN Memorial meeting is set for the thirty-first of January at Waterbury, Connecticut. WOF SY stated that the state-wide party conference was to be held on that date, and instructed RUBIN to change the date of the LENIN Memorial meeting, if at all possible, and Subject agreed that he would be able to change it without difficulty.

[] reported that on January 6, 1943, Subject was again in the Party office with ISADORE WOF SY. At that time, the Subject gave a complete resume of the situation in Waterbury, and dwelt at some length on the situation in the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union concerning the ROBINSON vs. DRISCOLL fight. In connection with this matter, Subject stated he planned to be at a CIO meeting on this evening, and WOF SY instructed him to take notes of the details of the meeting, and he would then accompany WOF SY to New York City on the following Monday, and be able to give the details in full to the National Office in New York. FOIA b 7 - D

[] advised that on January 12, 1943, in a conversation between ISADORE WOF SY and CALVIN SUTHERLIN, WOF SY gave SUTHERLIN the address for BEN RUBIN, which is, BEN RUBIN, 247 South Main Street, Room 3, Waterbury, Conn.

[] advised that on January 14, 1943, the Subject was again in the Party office, at which time both WOF SY and ONDA suggested that BEN RUBIN join the International Workers Order in Waterbury, and as a member of the IWO, it would give him a free movement among that membership.

[] advised that on January 24, 1943, BEN RUBIN was again in the Party office, and at that time stated to WOF SY and ONDA that it was going to be necessary for him to get a job. Informant advised that apparently RUBIN was having financial trouble. ONDA stated at this time that if there were other reasons, they might move him to New Britain, but if not, he should remain in Waterbury. WOF SY then asked him if he is getting his \$25.00 per week, to which RUBIN answered that he was, but had a lot of expenses. From this conversation, the Informant believed that the Party was paying RUBIN \$25.00 a week for carrying on the Party work in Waterbury.

Informant advised that on this date, RUBIN and WOF SY had an argument concerning an incident at a meeting which both attended on the previous

Friday. RUBIN complained that WOFSY "brushed him off," and on the other hand, WOFSY claimed that RUBIN was butting in again too soon, and WOFSY had only straightened him out at the meeting, and was in fact not "brushing him off" at all. WOFSY went on to complain at this time that RUBIN was not furnishing WOFSY enough information on the Waterbury situation, and was continually drawing wrong conclusions from what little information he had been able to gather. This altercation between WOFSY and RUBIN went on at some length and was finally quieted by ANDREW ONDA.

[] advised that on January 25, 1943, J. WAYNE ~~NEWTON~~ contacted BEN RUBIN concerning a film which was to be shown in Waterbury on February 17, 1943. After some discussion, it was decided to show the picture "Paris Commune," which shows the benefits of the Soviet Government. The same informant advises that on February 1, 1943, NEWTON again contacted RUBIN to advise him that the plans had been changed, and the picture was to be "The Musical Story," and the date February 21, 1943. This picture was apparently of the same type as the one formerly agreed upon. In this connection, it should be noted that J. WAYNE NEWTON is the Executive Secretary for the International Workers Order in Conn.

On February 15, 1943, [] advised that the Subject left a message for ANDREW ONDA that he was going to New York City to a hospital located at 47½ East Seventh Street for an operation, and consequently, the meeting scheduled for the following Sunday was postponed. He further advised that a branch meeting was scheduled at the Waterbury office Wednesday, February 17, 1943 at 7 p.m. and he asked that ONDA speak at the said meeting.

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[] advised that on February 1, 1943, ANDREW ONDA, ISADORE WOFSY and JACOB ~~ISAACS~~ were present in the Party office at 9 Center Street, and there discussed the entire Waterbury situation as concerned the Communist Party. ONDA and WOFSY at that time both expressed displeasure with the way BEN RUBIN had been handling Communist Party matters in Waterbury, and indicated that when ~~MICHAEL RUSSO~~ had gone to work at the Waterbury Clock Company, it had been necessary for someone to act as the Communist Party functionary in Waterbury. WOFSY stated that BEN RUBIN had operated as such as a temporary stop-gap and would not be acknowledged as such permanently because Subject could not see his way clear to come forward and represent the Communist Party openly in Waterbury.

WOFSY advised the informant that the Party had been paying RUBIN \$25.00 a week for organizational work in Waterbury, but that he was having financial trouble and felt it was necessary to go to work in a shop.

On March 22, 1943, [] advised that ANDREW ONDA explained to ~~DORIS BLOOM~~ in the Communist Party office that the State Bureau is the Executive Committee of the State Committee, and the present plan is to enlarge the State Bureau and include thereon DORIS BLOOM from New Haven, BEN RUBIN from Waterbury, and others.

On March 27, 1943, [] advised WOFSY stated to ONDA that BEN RUBIN had contacted him and left word he would be unable to attend the State Bureau meeting to be held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, on that date, because of the fact he had a conflicting dentist appointment.

Officer JAMES MAGNER of the Waterbury Police Department was contacted by the reporting agent, and he advised that about 2 a.m. April 15, 1943, the police were called to the Scovill Manufacturing Company, where it was found that the Subject had sustained a slight injury to his eye, and it was necessary for the police to take him to his home from the plant. Upon arriving at his home at 196 Willow Street, it was found that the door was locked, and the Subject was unable to get in. He told the police at that time that he had a pal who lived at 59 Willow Street, and he would bunk with him for the rest of the night. The police car took him to that address. It should be noted that JACOB ISAACS, Subject of New Haven file 100-7337, lives at 159 Willow Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Reporting agent, together with Officer MAGNER, personally observed the Communist Party office at room three, 247 South Main Street, Waterbury, April 23, 1943. At that time it was noted there were present in the mail slot of the said office, two "Daily Workers" addressed to BEN RUBIN.

A description of Subject as obtained from the above-mentioned police report is as follows:

Name	BARNARD RUBIN
Age	28
Born	April 7, 1915 Brooklyn, New York
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Black
Peculiarities	Wears mustache

A photograph of Subject was obtained from the Scovill Manufacturing Company, and is being retained in the New Haven file.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At NEW YORK, NEW YORK, will check indices of New York Field Division and report any information concerning Subject.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, will check indices of Philadelphia Field Division and report any information concerning Subject, with particular attention to any information which may reveal the place where Subject has registered under Selective Service. It should be noted that for two years previous to November, 1940, he was a reporter for the American Free Press, South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE

At WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, through confidential informants, will report the continued activity of the Subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT		NH File No. 100-6545 FGM	
Report made at NEW HAVEN, CONN.	Date made 7/2/43	Period 5/25/29/31/ 6/1/43	Report made by WILLIAM S. GORDON
Title BARNARD RUBIN, alias Ben Ruben		Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C	

SYNOPSIS

Subject still employed in Chucking Department, SCOVILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, at Waterbury, Connecticut. Employer reports subject to be an undesirable employee. Subject receives mail at Room 3, 247 South Main Street, Waterbury, which is Communist Party Headquarters. Not registered with Selective Service Boards at Waterbury. No bank account at Waterbury. [redacted] advised that ANDREW ONDA instructed subject to bring "the boys" and be at State Committee meeting of the Communist Party at New Haven, May 31, 1943. Mail cover placed.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent LOREN D. SWAYNE, dated April 28, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

JOHN BERGIN, Plant Protection Manager, SCOVILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, advised that subject was still employed in the Chucking Department at SCOVILL MFG. CO., and that he was an undesirable employee inasmuch as he did not like his work and had shifted from two or three different departments in each of which the foreman stated that they would not desire subject to work in their department again. Mr. BERGIN advised that he had heard numerous rumors that subject was a Communist and that the Union considered subject undesirable because of his agitation within the Union. Subject's Social Security Number as shown on the employment records at SCOVILL MFG. CO. is 196-12-5859 and he has badge number 106139. From August, 1942, to February, 1943, subject was a salesman in FERNSTEIN'S STATIONERY STORE on Roosevelt Avenue, corner of

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Junction and Queens, New York City. The personnel records disclosed that subject was classified as 4F insofar as Selective Service is concerned, but they could not advise as to the place subject was registered.

JOHN HINE, Plant Guard, SCOVILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 174 Willow Street, Waterbury, was contacted and advised that subject lived at 174 Willow Street, during part of the winter of 1941 and 1942. He said that he knew that subject was very friendly with the girl who appeared to be of Jewish extraction; who lived on the fourth floor at the same address. During RUBIN'S residence at 174 Willow Street there was a great deal of activity on the fourth floor in that numerous people would come and go. This activity ceased when RUBIN and his lady friend left that address.

LESTER COLEY, 472 Frost Road, Waterbury, Supervisor of the Box Shop, at SCOVILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, was contacted, who advised as follows:

Subject worked under him for several weeks on the 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. shift. He was never any good. He didn't make his piece work and when advised that he would have to increase his production, he went to the Union and attempted to cause trouble. He believes subject was responsible for the organization of the Box Shop inasmuch as it was the last department in the plant to organize and when subject came into this department, there were no Union members and when he left the department all employees in the department belonged to the Union. It was the belief of Mr. COLEY that subject worked in the Box Shop Department for the sole purpose of organizing it.

EMIL RACHON, 21 Earle Street, Waterbury, was contacted and advised as follows:

The subject is presently working in his department from 11 P.M. to 7 A.M. He has been watching the subject rather closely because of his previous delinquencies in other departments. Subject has caused no trouble and Mr. RACHON could advise of no statements made by subject supporting the Communist Party principles.

The Selective Service records of Local Draft Boards Numbers 15A, 15B, 16A and 16B at Waterbury, Connecticut, were examined by Reporting Agent and it was discovered that subject was not registered at any of these Boards.

Mr. CHARLES TYACK, Vice President of Citizens and Manufacturers National Bank; F. W. CHESBON, Vice President and Trust Officer of Waterbury Trust Bank; L. S. ANDREWS, President of the Waterbury National Bank; ARTHUR F. MCGRAW, Treasurer, Colonial Trust Company; and EDWIN C. MOUTHRUP, President of the Waterbury Savings Bank, were each contacted and they advised that subject had no bank account in their respective banks.

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LOUIS RICHUTTI, 58 Dikeman Street, advised subject still received mail at Room 3, 247 South Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

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[redacted] advised that ANDREW ONDA instructed subject to bring "the boys" up to the State Committee Meeting of the Communist Party at New Haven on May 31, 1943. [redacted] further advised that subject told ANDREW ONDA that the Communist Party advertisement of EARL BROWDER'S speech had been accepted by the "Waterbury American Republican" and then subsequently rejected, but that the advertisement was printed in the "Democrat".

Thirty day mail cover was placed on subject at his home 196 Willow Street.

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PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

* AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will check indices of Philadelphia Field Division and report any information concerning subject, with particular attention to any information which may reveal the place where subject has registered under Selective Service. It should be noted that for two years previous to November, 1940, he was a reporter for the American Free Press, South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

* AT WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Will, through confidential informants, report the continued activity of the subject.

Will report results of thirty day mail cover.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR
HUGH B. COX, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I refer to Mr. L. M. C. Smith's memorandum to me dated June 28, 1943, which reviews the history, development, and meaning of the Special Case work and of the danger classifications that were made as a part of that work.

After full re-consideration of these individual danger classifications, I am satisfied that they serve no useful purpose. The detention of alien enemies is being dealt with under the procedures established by the Alien Enemy Control Unit. The Special Case procedure has been found to be valueless and is not used in that connection. There is no statutory authorization or other present justification for keeping a "custodial detention" list of citizens. The Department fulfills its proper functions by investigating the activities of persons who may have violated the law. It is not aided in this work by classifying persons as to dangerousness.

Apart from these general considerations, it is now clear to me that this classification system is inherently unreliable. The evidence used for the purpose of making the classifications was inadequate; the standards applied to the evidence for the purpose of making the classifications were defective; and finally, the notion that it is possible to make a valid determination as to how dangerous a person is in the abstract and without reference to time, environment, and other relevant circumstances, is impractical, unwise, and dangerous.

For the foregoing reasons I am satisfied that the adoption of this classification system was a mistake that should be rectified for the future. Accordingly, I direct that the classifications heretofore made should not be regarded as classifications of dangerousness or as a

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determination of fact in any sense. In the future, they should not be used for any purpose whatsoever. Questions raised as to the status or activities of a particular person should be disposed of by consideration of all available information, but without reference to any classification heretofore made.

A copy of this memorandum should be placed in the file of each person who has hitherto been given a classification. In addition, each card upon which a classification appears should be stamped with the following language:

"THIS CLASSIFICATION IS UNRELIABLE. IT IS
HEREBY CANCELLED, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED
AS A DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS OR OF
ANY OTHER FACT. (SEE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 16,
1943 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HUGH B.
COX AND J. EDGAR HOOVER)."

Attorney General

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Date: August 21, 1943

To: SAC, Philadelphia

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases
SECURITY MATTER - C

Mr. Tolson _____ Reference is made to your letter dated June 11, 1943,
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ entitled "Ben Rubin, with aliases; Internal Security - R; Custodial
 Mr. Clegg _____ Detention."
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____ It is noted that this letter does not indicate whether the
 Mr. Ladd _____ security index card has been transferred to the New Haven Field Division.
 Mr. Nichols _____ In the event the card has not been transferred, it is desired that you
 Mr. Rosen _____ place it in the subject's investigative case file inasmuch as a new type
 Mr. Tracy _____ card has been made by the New Haven Field Division.

Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. McGuire _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

NY FILE NO. **100-48274 GR/MM**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/24/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/11,12/43	REPORT MADE BY HUBERT H. FINZEL
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases, Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, and Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Review of the files reflect that BARNARD RUBIN may be identical with BEN RUBIN, who is mentioned in the NY files of the Communist Party, USA, which is set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Loren D. Swayne dated at New Haven, Connecticut April 28, 1943.

DETAILS: A check of the indices reflected the following, believed to be pertinent information, on BEN RUBIN:

DAILY WORKER, December 3, 1940, Page 5, Column 5, Reading, Pennsylvania, December 2:

The six defendants in the Reading and Berks County Petition Frame-up Case have just been indicted by the Grand Jury. The charges are the usual ones of perjury, violation of the state election code and conspiracy. In the case of BEN RUBIN, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party in Berks County and a veteran of the Lincoln Brigade, the District Attorney's Office has imposed a total of 12 such charges which presume a jail sentence of at least 20 years. Money for the aid of these liberals is being sent to Reverend MAX PUTNEY, 742 North 13th Street, Reading Pennsylvania.

DAILY WORKER, December 13, 1940, Page 3, Column 2, Reading, Pennsylvania, December 12:

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Reverend MAX PUTNEY, Head of the Berks County Civil Liberties Committee, and a member of the Committee for People's Rights of Eastern, Pennsylvania, yesterday issued a nationwide appeal for financial assistance in fighting the Reading Petition Case of BEN RUBIN and five other defendants.

DAILY WORKER, December 14, 1940, page 3, Column 1,
Reading, Pennsylvania, December 13:

RUBIN "Guilty" in Pennsylvania Petition Frame-up. Jury found BEN RUBIN "guilty" on one perjury count and not guilty on two other charges. DAVID LEVINSON, counsel for defense, moves for an appeal.

DAILY WORKER, December 23, 1940, page 2, column 3:

Arrest Cop for Perjury in Petition Case in Pennsylvania.
Charge brought by Communist Party Secretary in Reading
Trial Proceeds, Reading, Pennsylvania, December 22:

The action against CHARLES M. TULLY, Chief of County Detectives, was taken in midst of BEN RUBIN'S third conviction in a total of six trials held to date. He is still to be tried on six more indictments. RUBIN has been free on bail. Legal fireworks were set off when RUBIN called the Assistant District Attorney WARREN K. HESS, a liar to his face. HESS told a jury that RUBIN was a "deserter" from the Spanish Loyalist Army. RUBIN had been cited for bravery and was wounded in action as a member of the Lincoln Battalion in the Spanish Civil War.

DAILY WORKER, January 7, 1943, page 1, column 5
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1943:

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania today reversed lower court decisions in the Reading Communist Party nominating petition cases and set aside the convictions of BEN RUBIN and HARVEY BROWN on perjury charges. Decision was hailed by DAVID LEVINSON, Attorney in the case, as a victory for national unity. The freeing of RUBIN and BROWN by the Supreme Court brings to a close the campaign led by the Dies Committee and other reactionary groups against the Communist Party in the 1940 elections.

It is to be noted that the foregoing is being submitted as being possibly the same individual as the subject. However, there were no physical descriptions available in the files of the BEN RUBIN set forth above.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 3, 1943

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Director, FBI.

Re: *0* BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases;
SECURITY MATTER - C.
BUREAU FILE 100-40033.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that in accordance with
Bureau letter of August 21, 1943, the Security Index Card
on the above subject has been placed in the investigative
case file of RUBIN.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
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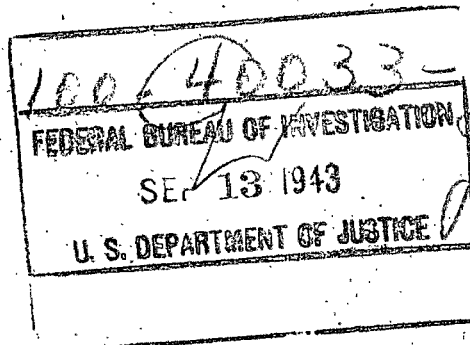
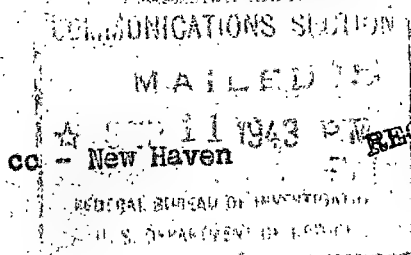
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Date: September 10, 1943
To: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: BEN RUBIN, with aliases
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Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of May 31, 1943, requesting a report covering two undeveloped leads to obtain information concerning the subject's alleged election law violations.

This matter should be given immediate attention and a report submitted in the near future.



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[] further advised that the subject contacted Andrew Onda in an attempt to get Onda to speak at a picnic sponsored by the Lithuanian Workers Association, one-half of the proceeds which were to go to the ~~BAILY WORKER~~.

Confidential Informant T-2 stated that subject was a member of the Communist Party and at one time attempted to get him to join the Party, stating that the entire labor movement was centered about the Party and the education resulting from membership would assist him in his union activities.

EMIL RACHON, Foreman, Chucking Department Scovill Mfg. Co. advised subject is still employed and works on the third shift. He stated that for some reason the chucking department seemed to be the trial ground for all union activity at Scovill. Information was negative as to any Communistic activities on part of subject.

GEORGE CORRINGTON, Mail carrier, Waterbury Post Office, was contacted by reporting agent and he advised that the subject moved from 197 Willow St. to 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Conn. on September 1, 1943. He further advised that subject was living with a woman by the name of LYDIA JEAN HILLIS, subject of New Haven file, and that Hillis sometimes received her mail as Mrs. Ben ~~Rabin~~.

NATHAN ~~ABRAMS~~, subject of New Haven file, and HILLIS moved to 51 Thompson Street at the same time the subject did.

Mail cover placed reflects that on July 17, 1943 subject received a letter from LOWELL HOLLINGBECK, 2620 South Fallingleaf Ave., Wilmar, California.

Lydia Jean Hillis is the subject of a New Haven file and is one of the organizers of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers at Waterbury, Conn.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent William S. Gordon dated 9/25/43 at New Haven, Conn. are as follows:

T-1 Office of Naval Intelligence

T-2 [redacted] - reported to be a former member of the Communist Party and who was closely associated with the Labor Movement in Waterbury, and in particular with the organizers of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. He requested that his name not be used.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

At Waterbury, Conn.

Will contact confidential informants and report the continued activity of subject.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

FILE NO. **100-386 jtm**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-24-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-26; 8-15; 8-10-43	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD W. WRIGHT
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY C SECURITY MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Indictment of RUBIN for violation of election laws dismissed June 19, 1943, by District Court, Reading, Pa. Was served by Attorney DAVID LEVINSON, who has served Communist Party on numerous occasions and attorney fees were paid by the Party. Transcript of testimony at original trial obtained and therein the subject admitted Communist Party membership over a long period of time. Other Communist activities of subject set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILFRED R. LORRY, dated September 25, 1942, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bureau letter dated July 8, 1943, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bureau letter dated August 21, 1943. (Bureau file #100-40033).

Report of Special Agent LOREN D. SWAYNE, dated April 28, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM S. GORDON, dated July 2, 1942, at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS: The Daily Worker on June 20, 1943, carried an article with Reading date line of June 19, 1943, which article was captioned, "1940 Petition Indictments are Quashed in Pa.". This article in substance reflects that Judge PAUL N. SCHAEFFER had during the week of June 19, 1943, dismissed the remaining indictments in the Communist Party nominating petition cases of 1940 against BEN RUBIN, HARRY BROWN, and four others. DAVID LEVINSON.

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"Civil Liberties Attorney" represented the defendants. It appeared that the indictment was defective for the reason that the defendants were prosecuted under the General Penal Code; whereas, they should have been prosecuted under the 1937 Election Code. On this technical ground, therefore, the indictment was quashed.

LEVINSON is known to this office as a local attorney who has upon numerous occasions represented Communist Party members in various litigations and is reported to have represented Communists accused of burning the Reichstag in Germany in 1933.

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~~X~~Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on July 30, 1942, that SAM ~~X~~DARCY, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania, had asserted that the Party had been hit hard by various defense finances, and was practically bankrupt. The claim was made that the RUBIN case had cost \$800.00 in that week.

Special Agent ROBERT W. CLARKE, at Reading, Pennsylvania, obtained from the Berks County Court, a complete question and answer transcript of testimony of the subject as given in the District Session of the Court in 1940. The subject's attorneys were DAVE ~~X~~LEVINSON and LEONARD R. ~~X~~TITELMAN, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On December 20, 1940, a verdict of guilty was brought by the jurors. A new trial was petitioned, and the Berks County Court upheld the decision. The case then went to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, which sustained the verdict. The case was taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Eastern District, which as reported above, dismissed the indictment.

Pertinent parts of subject's testimony are being set forth hereafter and a copy of the memorandum prepared by Special Agent ROBERT W. CLARKE is being forwarded to the New Haven Field Division as an enclosure with this report.

RUBIN stated that he was twenty five years of age, having been born in Brooklyn, New York. He was graduated from De Witt Clinton High School and went to St. Johns University for two years. He also attended the Odd Students League, for approximately one year. Upon graduation, he became the manager of a book store and in addition had a few small jobs as a reporter on several newspapers. Subsequently, he worked at the Columbia Radio Factory in Queens, Long Island. He came to Reading, Pennsylvania from Spain, where he had fought in the International Brigade. In such fighting he asserted that he had fought and been wounded and had come to Reading, Pennsylvania to reoperate at the suggestion of an unnamed friend. He had lived in Reading, Pennsylvania for approximately three years at the time of this testimony.

RUBIN under questioning stated that he had been a member of the Communist Party for about five or six years, and that he was an official of the Party, being elected Executive Secretary. He also asserted that he had

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been a candidate for Congress on the Communist Party ticket. While in Spain, RUBIN asserted that he had been cited for bravery by the International Brigade.

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Further in connection with the trial of RUBIN, ~~Confidential~~ Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available a photograph copy of a circular letter telling of the "RUBIN--BROWN CASE", which is signed by MAX C. ~~X~~PUTNEY, "Executive Secretary of the RUBIN--BROWN DEFENSE COMMITTEE". PUTNEY is known to this office as an individual who has actively engaged in Communist Party activities in and about Reading, Pennsylvania. This circular letter calls for funds to meet the expenses for the defense. This letter is being forwarded to the New Haven Field Division with this report.

On February 12, 1941, Special Agents FRANCIS E. ~~W~~RIGHT and W. H. HARPER attended a Communist Party meeting held at Odd Fellows Hall in Reading, Pennsylvania. Twenty four people were in attendance. PHIL ~~V~~FRANKFELD, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania spoke on the "warring mongers of wall street". He was introduced by BEN RUBIN who served as chairman of the meeting. RUBIN also delivered an address in which he stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Dies Committee were planning to outlaw the Communist Party, and that they daily violated the Bill of Rights. He urged all individuals present join some sort of peace movement. He also made an attack upon capitalism.

By report dated July 7, 1941, Private CHARLES H. ~~F~~FISHER, Troop C, S-4, Pennsylvania State Police, advised that RUBIN associated with one JEAN ~~X~~MILLIS, secretary of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania, and lived with her at 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Informant T-1 advised that one of the "action letters" distributed by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties deals with the RUBIN--BROWN case and criticizes authorities for arresting and trying these individuals.

In order to facilitate the locating of RUBIN's draft board, pertinent addresses are set out immediately hereafter which were obtained from the various serials in the file.

Early 1940--420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
October, 1941--129 South 9th Street. At this time he was employed at the Beryllium Corporation at Temple, under the name of BERNARD RUBIN
March 10, 1942, 129 South 9th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

ENCLOSURES: To New Haven. One copy of a memorandum by Special Agent ROBERT W. CLARKE, dated June 26, 1943, dealing with subject's testimony at the Berks County Court, Reading, Pa.

Photographic copy of a circular letter pertaining to the RUBIN--BROWN CASE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Will ascertain if BERNARD RUBIN, was Ben Rubin and Ben Ruben registered under the Selective Service Act at Reading, Pennsylvania, and if so will obtain all pertinent information contained in his file.

RUBIN was born on April 7, 1915 at Brooklyn, New York, and it is noted that early in 1940, he resided at 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-1 is Report of Special Agent T. W. DAWSEY, dated March 10, 1941 at Washington, D. C., entitled National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights; National Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America: Internal Security C.

This report is being carried on the informant page of this report in view of the fact that copies are being forwarded to an outside agency.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New Haven, Connecticut
October 11, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: BARNARD RUBIN, was -
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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the residence address of the above subject has been changed from 197 Willow Street, Waterbury, Conn., to 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury. The Security Index card maintained on this subject in the New Haven Office has been changed to reflect this information.

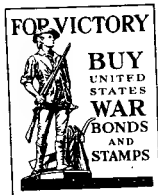
Very truly yours,

Roger F. Gleason

Roger F. Gleason,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-4-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-2-43	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. REDINGTON
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BEN RUBIN registered LB 5, Reading, Pa., on 10-16-40. Order #2308. Born 4-7-15 in Brooklyn, N. Y. At registration, he stated he was Secretary, ~~Communist Party~~, Reading. Last known address, 51 Thompson St., Waterbury, Conn. Employment not indicated. Rejected by U. S. Army for physical reasons and classified 4-F. Available information set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #100-40033.

Report of Special Agent **RICHARD W. WRIGHT**, dated September 24, 1943, at Philadelphia.

DETAILS: AT READING, PENNSYLVANIA

MR. RAY E. GODSHALL, Chief Clerk, Local Board #5, Berks County Court House, advised that **BEN RUBIN**, the subject, registered with that Board on October 16, 1940, and was assigned Order #2308. The Selective Service records indicated the following information:

Subject was born April 7, 1915, at Brooklyn, New York. His occupation at the time of registration was given as Secretary of the Communist Party, Reading, Pennsylvania. His occupation on October 15, 1941, was given as employee of the Beryllium Corporation of America, Temple, Reading, Pennsylvania. His marital status was given as single. His mother and a younger sister in New York City were claimed as partial support, but names were not indicated. His education was given as

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eight years of elementary school; four years high school, two years at the City College of the City of New York, and one year at St. John's University, New York. His Social Security number was given as 196-12-5859. His description was given as follows:

Height	5' 6"
Color	White
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark

MR. GODSHALL advised that the subject has been rejected by the United States Army for physical reasons, although he is single, and the Board has classified him 4-F.

The Board has recorded the following addresses for the subject:

- (1) 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
- (2) 3200 Raymond Street, Laureldale, Reading, Pennsylvania. (This address is known to be that of HARRY ELMER BROWN, a known Reading Communist and the subject of another investigation).
- (3) 614 N. 3rd Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. (This address is known to be that of WILSON K. JOHN, a known Communist and the subject of a separate investigation).
- (4) 126 S. 9th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.
- (5) 614 N. 3rd Street, Reading, Pennsylvania (Above referred to).
- (6) Room #3, 247 S. Main Street, Waterbury, Conn.
- (7) 36 Cook Street, Waterbury, Conn.
- (8) 197 Willow Street, Waterbury, Conn.
- (9) 195 Columbia Street, Waterbury, Conn.
- (10) 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Conn.

The last address is the last known to the Board, according to MR. GODSHALL, and no indication of the subject's present employment has been received.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

NH FILE NO. 100-6545 clb

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	DATE WHEN MADE 12/1/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/31; 11/5/43	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. MYERS
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, WAS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject spoke on "The Future of the Unions in Waterbury" at a meeting of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party 9/29/43. Results of mail cover set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 100-40033
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM S. GORDON dated 9/24/43 at New Haven, Connecticut.

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant [redacted] advised Special Agent WILLIAM S. GORDON that the Subject, commonly known as BEN RUBIN had spoken on "The Future of the Unions" at the meeting of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party held at 100 North Elm Street on September 29, 1943. A notice from the Executive Committee advising that this meeting would be held on that date from eight to nine thirty P.M. is being retained in the file.

A mail cover was placed upon all mail of the Subject and reflects the following:

From MAX C. PUTNEY, 513 St., Reading Pa.
It is noted that PUTNEY was mentioned in the transcript of testimony taken by the Court Stenographer, L. G. KETTERER and obtained from the Clerk of Courts, Berk County, Pa., in connection with the trial of the Subject in the Court of Quarter Sessions at the December Session, 1940, as having aided the Subject in obtaining the signatures in about 1940 on the

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petition circulated in Berks County to place Communist Party candidates on the ballot for the election to be held in November, 1940.

From LT. S. RUBIN, APO 638, Postmaster, New York City. Postmarked June 24, 1943 and received by the Post Office July 9.

From Lt. S. RUBIN, 453 B.S. 323 B.G. APO 638 c/o P.M. N.Y.C. Received September 10, 1943.

From Private RUDY ROMBERG, 32712865, Company A, CLA 321, INF APO No. 81 c/o Postmaster, Los Angeles, California, addressed to Miss LEA RUBIN, 195 Columbia Blvd, Waterbury, Conn.

From the Crystal Baking Company, 537-547 Penn St. Reading, Pa.

Letters postmarked Waterbury, Connecticut, September 13, 1943. No return address to the Subject, 51 Thompson Street, Hamilton Heights, Waterbury.

It is noted that there were four other letters similarly marked addressed to Mrs. ANNA RUBIN, JEAN HILLIS and NATHAN ABRAMS at the same address. It is also noted that all of these parties are subjects of New Haven files by reason of their Communist activities and it is known that they reside at the same address. It is believed that these were notices to these Party members of a meeting of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party. FOIA b 7 - D

Confidential Informant [] advised that the Subject had not attended the meetings of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party on October 13 or October 27, 1943 which were held at 100 North Elm Street, Waterbury, and that he believed the reason the Subject was not in attendance was because he was working on the evening shift at the Scoville Manufacturing Company where he is employed.

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THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

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Will maintain contact with [] and Confidential Informants of the New Haven Field Division for continued activities of the Subject in the Waterbury Section.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	DATE WHEN MADE 2/1/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/8, 11, 25; 12/9, 15, 24/43	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. MYERS
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases, Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Statements of subject to press while confined in jail pending trial on committing petition fraud in Reading, Pennsylvania set out. Remarks from Congressional Record concerning subject's activities in 1939 in alleged threat to kidnap congressman set out. Subject elected chairman of Educational Committee at Scovill Mfg. Company, Local #569, N.M.M.S.W.-CIO, but reported closely controlled by anti-Communists. Attended meeting of I.W.O. 11/7/43 celebrating American-Soviet Friendship. Spoke on trade union activity in Waterbury at meeting of Waterbury Branch, 11/10/43 and at State Convention of Communist Party on 12/12/43. At Convention elected to State Convention Resolutions Committee and on State Executive Committee of Communist Party. Supplemental personnel data set out. Mail cover placed.

*noted on 2. J. Card
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Reference: Report of Special Agent William J. Myers dated at New Haven, Connecticut 12/1/43.
Letter from the Philadelphia Field Division dated 12/10/43.
Bureau File No. 100-40033.

Details: Reference letter from the Philadelphia Field Division enclosed documents relating to the subject in connection with his trial for violation of the Pennsylvania State Election Code in Reading, Pennsylvania in December.

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1940. These were furnished by District Attorney JAMES G. MARKS, Reading, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1943.

Two of these enclosures were press releases, one written in hand (presumably by the subject) and the other typewritten. The first refers to the action of the District Attorney in increasing RUBIN's bail by \$3000.00 on an "obviously false charge is clear proof that what is going on is simply prosecution of a minority party because its program -- objection to the administration involving us in war and objection to conscription, or socialization of the munitions factories or the House of Morgan, and for more relief to the unemployed and the poor farmer -- is distasteful to the forces which District Attorney Marks represents." This statement concluded with an accusation that the motive of District Attorney MARKS was to confine RUBIN to jail thus preventing the Communist Party program from being brought to the people of Berks County.

The typewritten enclosure declares that "The so-called investigation of the Communist Party petition by District Attorney Marks is in line with the Roosevelt administration's policy followed by local Democratic Party administrations and is designed to crush the Communist Party's and the people's opposition to their policy of conscription and war mongering. Our Party platform is definitely against conscription, for keeping American out of war, or in socialization of the munitions factories, and for the appropriation of funds which are going to the profiteers to be used for the relief and poor farmer. That is why the Capitalist Party and their party stooges like Jas. Marks have started this campaign all over the country -- to prevent the people from learning what our program really is and to prevent them from organizing themselves for peace and security." This article concludes with the statement:- "We believe the good people of Berks County have guts enough to resent and object to Marks' Nazi-like disregard of civil liberties in Berks County".

Referenced letter reflects that these statements had been given to the press in Redding during the time of the subject's incarceration prior to trial.

The third enclosure is a reprint from the Congressional Record and incorporates a speech of the Honorable GUY L. MOSER of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives on Friday, June 16, 1939 in which Representative MOSER states that on May 11, 1939 hearings before the Subcommittee on Appropriations, he heard sworn testimony of that committee's investigator, to the effect that in a meeting of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania on May 9, a resolution

was offered, discussed, and advocated by one BEN RUBENS, whose purpose was to effect adoption of his plot to resort to physical force, if necessary, to remove and take me away from the speaker's platform if he appeared in Reading on May 13 at the Corner-stone laying of the new post office in that city. However, this investigator reported that the Alliance members agreed only to picket the ceremonies in protest at his failure to accede to their demands to vote the unnecessary increased appropriation. Representative MOSER continued:- "As for Ben Rubens, I never heard his name mentioned before I heard it as the arch conspirator advocating this plot. I have taken time to inquire into his background, if any is known. My information is that he is a comparative stranger in my district and is reputed to be a deserter from the Loyalist Armies in Spain".

Another excerpt from the Congressional Record by Representative MOSER in the House of Representatives on Thursday, November 2, 1939 is as follows:- "Most amazing of all was the disintegration of this traditionally patriotic background (in Berks County) to a degree when a deserter from the Loyalist Army in Spain could boldly enter and in his Communistic environs, as blatantly, as rashly, advocate the kidnapping of the Congressman for refusal to bow to the Workers Alliance's mandates and blackmailing threats of being held personally responsible if the Congressman did not vote for the appropriation of the taxpayers' money as these racketeers and rowdies demanded".

Confidential Informant T-1 submitted a report regarding LYDIA JEAN HILLIS, subject's wife, which contained a statement from HILLIS to subject's landlady in the latter part of 1940 to the effect that following RUBIN's arrest in Reading for election frauds in connection with the circulation of petitions to have Communist candidates placed on the ballot, that RUBIN was deeply devoted to the cause of Communism and would go to any lengths to further its aims.

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X Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject had recently been elected Chairman of the Educational Committee of Local #569 of the IUMMSWA, CIO for bargaining rights at Scovill Mfg. Company where the subject is employed. This informant added that RUBIN had been so elected only because no one else sought the job and actually his duties were being handled and his activities carefully controlled by ROBERT WALKINSHAW, an employee of the staff of the International Union and an anti-Communist who was well aware of RUBIN's background and who could be depended upon to restrict his influence.

X Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject had been present at the Waterbury Lodge of the International Workers Order on November 7, 1943

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held at 100 North Elm Street in Waterbury, the purpose of which was to sponsor Soviet-American Friendship and the principal speaker at which was ANDREW ONDA, Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party who eulogized at length, the heroism and achievements of the Soviet Army.

This same informant reported that RUBIN had attended a meeting of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party on November 10, 1943 held at 100 North Elm Street. During the course of this meeting the subject spoke on trade union activity in Connecticut and reported that the Connecticut CIO was united at last under JOHN DRISCOLL and following the National CIO. As a result of this unity JOHN L. LEWIS had been prevented from seizing control of industrial unionism in Connecticut. At the conclusion of these remarks RUBIN called upon DAVID GOLDSTEIN, a member of the Communist Party, to relate his experiences in mass Jewish organizations in Waterbury.

Following GOLDSTEIN's remarks the subject, who was acting chairman in the absence of MICHAEL RUSSO and ALFRED J. GREENE, stated that MICHAEL RUSSO had held a meeting of Italians the preceding Sunday, November 7, 1943 and had been elected Temporary Co-Chairman and that those present had authorized the officers elected by this group to prepare a petition and forward it to President Roosevelt requesting authorization to collect funds for Italian relief.

This same informant and [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Waterbury Branch held on December 8, 1943 at 100 North Elm Street, the subject had been elected a delegate to the State Communist Party Convention to be held in Bridgeport on December 11, 12, 1943 although he was not present at that meeting.

These same informants advised that RUBIN, RUSSO, GREENE, and RUBIN's wife, LYDIA JEAN HILLIS, had come together to the State Convention at Bridgeport as delegates from the Waterbury Branch. During the course of the evening at the Convention, RUBIN had been elected as a member of the State Convention Resolutions Committee. JEAN HILLIS had related to these informants that she and the subject were secretly married. It may be noted that they have lived together since 1940.

On December 12, 1943 the subject spoke to the Convention on CIO work in Waterbury and the remarks were of the usual character to the effect that unity had been achieved.

The subject was elected as a member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party along with MICHAEL RUSSO as representatives from the Waterbury

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Branch. These informants added that RUBIN returned from the Convention Sunday night, December 12, 1943 following the EARL BROWDER Rally with them.

Mr. E.C. BRADLEY, Personnel Director of the Scovill Mfg. Company advised that the subject had recently been requested to fill in a Personnel Security Questionnaire. This questionnaire reflected the following information regarding the subject's family:-

Father:	JACOB RUBIN
Residence:	Unknown
Mother:	ANNA RUBIN
Residence:	51 Thompson St., Waterbury (with subject)
Wife (Divorced):	EMMA ROSENBAUM RUBIN
Residence:	Unknown
Brother:	SAUL RUBIN
Residence:	U.S. Army Air Force
Sister:	LEAH RUBIN LEOPOLD
Residence:	51 Thompson Street, Waterbury

Supplementing the employment record reported in the earlier reports, the subject enumerated the following places of employment:-

Feinstein Stationery Store, Roosevelt Avenue, N.Y.C.
August, 1942 to February, 1943;
West Bronx Peoples Book Shop, Bronx Avenue, N.Y.C.
1937 to 1938;
Prior to that as a free-lance writer and helper in
Mo's Cafeteria, location not given.

Under organizations, the subject listed membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Reading, Pennsylvania, one year, in the Communist Party, Reading, Pennsylvania, five years, in the Y.M.C.A., Waterbury, one year, in Labors Non-Partisan League, New York City, one year, and in the Workers Alliance, Reading, Pennsylvania, two years.

The subject reported that he had been abroad in France for one year in March, 1937 leaving there to go to Spain and that he was in Spain until the end of 1937 and had gone there to fight against Hitler and Mussolini.

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He listed the following individuals as references:- Dr. DANIEL CASTOR, 77 Washington Square, South, New York City, a medical doctor; MAX HARTMAN, Central Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York, proprietor of a cigar store; and JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS, Riverside Drive, New York City, an artist.

Mr. BRADLEY reported that the subject had recently sought a transfer from the department in which he was then employed to the automatic screw machine department and added that he was unable to account for this fact since it meant a reduction in pay from \$1.10 to \$.85 an hour and that RUBIN had explained his reasons as a desire for greater experience. Mr. BRADLEY said that although the change in employment would result in a reduction in hourly wages, the total weekly wages would not vary greatly since the hours would be increased and while the subject was then employed from 6:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. the change would be from 8:00 P.M. to 6:42 A.M. It may be observed that a possible motive of the subject in shifting from a day to a night shift is the fact that his wife, LYDIA JEAN HILLIS, is also employed on a night shift.

Mrs. OLIVE GARFNEY, a clerical employee in the personnel office, advised that the personnel security questionnaire had been filled out by her in the presence of RUBIN during the last week of October and that he had left a great deal of information out of his original questionnaire including the names of organizations to which he belonged and the name of his wife. Subsequently, after turning in the original questionnaire he had come back to the personnel office and admitted that he had not set out all of the facts and related that he wanted to include everything because this questionnaire was to be used by the United States Government.

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On November 8, 1943 [] related that ANDREW ONDA mentioned the subject's name to PAUL BLOOM as one of the leaders of the Party in Waterbury. This same informant on November 12, 1943 related that ANDREW ONDA told DORIS BLOOM that BEN RUBIN was doing special work in Waterbury in the same way that DORIS had been doing it in New Haven.

A thirty day mail cover has been placed on the subject's mail.

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NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

At Waterbury, Connecticut

Will, through confidential informants, continue to report the activities of the subject in the Communist Party.

Will report the results of the request made by letter to the New York Field Division to report briefly any information they may have regarding Communist connections of the subject's relatives mentioned in this report.

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The confidential informant mentioned in the body of the report of Special Agent William J. Myers dated at New Haven, Connecticut, 2/1/44 entitled "BARNARD RUBIN, was - Internal Security - C " is:-

T-1 Report of the Federal Works Agency
Division of Investigation dated April 20, 1941
in regard to LYDIA JEAN HELLIS

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	DATE WHEN MADE 3/15/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/13, 19, 25/44 2/1, 13, 22, 24/44 3/7/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. MYERS
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject elected co-Chairman of Labor Committee of Waterbury Branch of Communist Party. Elected Warden of Local 569 IUMM&SWA, CIO. Believed attended National Plenum 1/7/44. Not known to attend any branch meeting in Waterbury. Unemployed since 12/30/43; confined to hospital, New York City. Re-employed 2/22/44, Scovill Manufacturing Co. Photographs of Subject being submitted to Bureau and Washington Field. Results of mail cover set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-40033.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS, dated February 1, 1944 at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

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[redacted] advised that the Subject was nominated Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party at a meeting held January 5, 1944 at 100 North Elm Street. He was nominated to this office by his wife, LYDIA JEAN HILLIS. No objection was made to this nomination in spite of the Subject's absence.

At this meeting MICHAEL RUSSO, Executive Secretary of the Branch called attention to a proposed meeting of members of the branch who were also members of Labor Unions to be held January 15, 1944 at 7:00 PM at the home of Subject and his wife at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

HILLIS explained that Subject was in the hospital, New York City, but that he hoped to be back in time for the meeting. 37

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On January 15, 1944 [] and the Reporting Agent were in the vicinity of 51 Thompson Street and observed no one enter the premises who was known to be engaged in the Labor movement in Waterbury or to be a member of the Communist Party. At 7:15 they observed HILLIS leave the premises and take a bus to the center of town and disappear into a store.

The Reporting Agent has not observed the Subject at any meeting of the Waterbury Branch during the months of January or February nor at the Lenin Memorial and Daily Worker 20th Anniversary meeting at which ELIZABETH GURLEY PLYNN, National Committee member, was the principal speaker.

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[] advised that the Subject has not attended any meetings of the branch during January or February, but that he was elected co-Chairman of the Labor Committee of the branch together with MILTON KLETTER. It was the opinion of this informant that the Subject is the representative of the CIO at this committee whereas KLETTER is a member of the AFL Machinists Union and was a representative of the AFL.

On February 9, 1944 JANET RHODES VIGEZZI, Chairman of the Branch, advised [] that the Subject was still confined to the Hospital at New York in bad physical condition. The same informant related on February 24, 1944 that from some source it was learned that the Subject was out of the hospital, had resumed his work, but returned to New York City at intervals for treatment.

Mr. E. C. BRADLEY, Personnel Director Scovill Manufacturing Co., advised that the Subject had been unemployed since December 30, 1943 because of illness, and had returned to work February 22, 1944. He exhibited two letters dated January 24, 1944 and February 12, 1940 from DANIEL CASTOR, M.D., 77 Washington Square South, New York City, advising the personnel office of operations performed on Subject for cyst and hemorrhoids.

On February 22, 1944 the Reporting Agent personally observed the Subject in the Personnel Office of the Scovill Manufacturing Company at the time he reported for work.

[] advised Subject had been nominated and was unopposed to the office of Warden local 569 of the IUM&SWA, CIO. The informant stated that the office itself was unimportant, but that as the holder of this position the Subject would be entitled to attend and vote at the Executive Committee meetings of the Local.

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The "Waterbury Republican", February 13, 1944, listed the officers of this Local who were installed including BEN RUBIN as Warden.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that BEN RUBIN had told ANDREW ONDA that he would be in New York City for an operation on January 10, 1944 and would like to attend the meeting of the National Plenum of the Party on January 7, 1944. ONDA advised the Subject to meet him in the lobby of the Riverside Plaza Hotel at seven o'clock, Friday evening (January 7, 1944), and he would give him his card for admission to the meeting.

On February 19, 1944 this same informant related that ANDREW ONDA asked an unknown individual if BEN were out of the hospital as yet.

The following are the results of the mail cover placed on the Subject at his residence:

1. Notices of Board meetings of Local 569 IUMM&SWA, CIO.
2. Magazine from "New Masses, Inc.", 104 East Ninth St., N.Y.C.
3. Typed letter from LOUIS ADAMIC, Suite 1501, 192 Lexington Ave., New York, 16, New York.
4. The Communist Magazine, 832 Broadway, New York, New York.
5. Letter from the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

For the information of the Washington Field Division, the Subject has been reported to have served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War, and on a Personal Security Questionnaire taken from him while an employee of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, he stated that he had been abroad in France for one year, leaving in March, 1937 and leaving France to go to Spain; that he was in Spain until the end of 1937, having gone there to fight against Hitler and Mussolini.

The following description of the Subject is made available for the Washington Field Division:

Name	BARNARD RUBIN, was, Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben
Date of Birth	4/7/1915
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark.

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ENCLOSURES

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

One photograph of the Subject.

THE BUREAU

One photograph of the Subject.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will check with the Department of State for any information indicating that the Subject obtained a passport and left the United States during the period of the Spanish Civil War in 1937.

Will report full and complete information available to that department regarding the Subject's activities with this organization.

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Will continue to report activities of the Subject in the Communist Party.

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Will report the results of a request made by letter of the New York Field Division to report briefly information they might have regarding the Communist connections of Subject's references mentioned in referenced report.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informants, as mentioned in the report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS, dated March 15, 1944 at New Haven, Connecticut, is as follows:

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T-1 on January 6, 1944.

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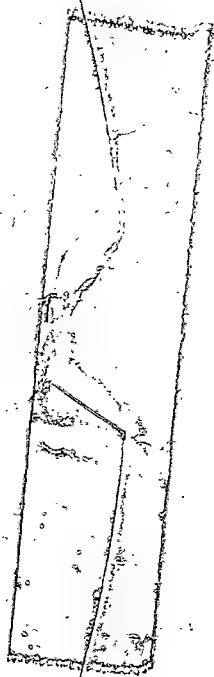
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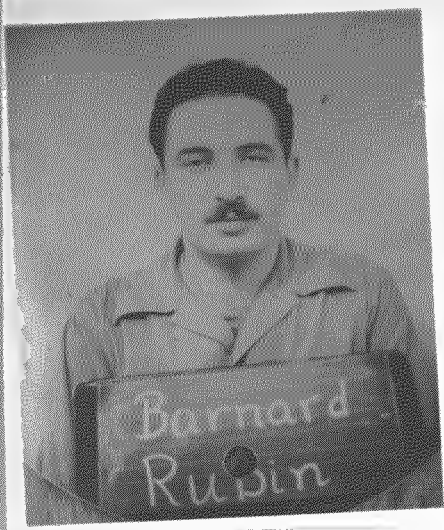
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TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

State Department files fail to disclose a record of any passport having been applied for or issued in name of subject.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated March 15, 1944, at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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~~Confidential~~ National Defense Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised reporting agent that the files of the State Department reflect no information concerning a passport having been applied for or issued in the name of BARNARD RUBIN or BENJAMIN RUBIN, the subject of instant case.

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TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Scovill Manufacturing Co.
Automatic Screw Dept.

Waterbury
Connecticut

ATTENTION
MR. GIBBONS
AND
MR. BRENNY



DANIEL CASTEN, M. D.
71 WASHINGTON SQUARE SO.
NEW YORK

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut

April 14, 1944

15344

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

Re: BARNARD RUBIN, was, Ben
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Internal Security (C)
Bureau File #100-40033

Dear Sir:-

There is being enclosed herewith for inclusion in the National Security File, a letter from the above captioned subject, BARNARD RUBIN, together with an envelope enclosing that letter containing specimens of the subject's handwriting.

Very truly yours

Roger F. Gleason
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Roger F. Gleason
Special Agent in Charge

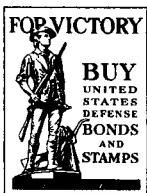
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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-1-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/7, 28, 29; 4/1 3, 4, 5, 20/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. MYERS
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

BUREAU FILE NO. 100-40033.

Report of Special Agent J. PHILIP O'BRIEN dated April 12, 1944, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

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The same informant advised on April 1, 1944, that neither the Subject nor his wife, JEAN HILLIS, had returned to that office, according to an arrangement made on March 7, 1944.

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ing of the Waterbury branch on that date as BEN RUBIN was working. Informant advised that ANDREW ONDA had been notified that the Subject was still visiting a doctor in New York City regularly on Saturday mornings and that JEAN HILLIS, his wife, had returned and was working. The same informant advised that the Subject had stated to him and to ANDREW ONDA, 15th District Secretary, that he was going into the Merchant Marine and that the information had been forwarded to MICHAEL A. RUSSO, Chairman of the 15th District of the Communist Party.

On April 15, 1944, this same informant was notified by ANDREW ONDA that as a result of the meeting in Waterbury on April 14, 1944, at which ELIZABETH GANNETT, member of the national recruiting committee of the Communist Party was principal speaker, the Subject planned to have a small group meeting at his home on April 18. Informant stated that this information was confirmed and that BEN RUBIN had arranged with JAMES SULLIVAN, President of Local 569, IUMMSW, CIO, having bargaining rights at Scoville Manufacturing Company, where the Subject is employed and of which he is warden, to attend a meeting at his home on April 18, 1944. ANDREW ONDA was to arrive at RUBIN's home later on this same date while SULLIVAN was still there in an effort to develop a contact in the local for ONDA before he, BEN, went into the Army.

Special Agent WILLIAM J. HORNEBACK was in the vicinity of 51 Thompson Street Waterbury, Subject's home and observed JAMES SULLIVAN enter the premises at 12:00 noon on April 18, 1944, and subsequently observed ONDA enter the premises at 1:30 P.M. on the same date. SULLIVAN remained at the premises until 2:30 P.M. and ONDA until 3:30 P.M. FOIA b 7 - D

Confidential Informant [] advised that information had been furnished to him through ALFRED J. GREEN, Membership and Dues Secretary of the Waterbury branch of the Communist Party, that the duplicating machine used in running off notices of Party meetings from stencils prepared for this purpose was located in the home of RUBIN.

* Confidential Informant [] advised Special Agent EDWARD J. MAHLER that the Subject was not known to have attended any functions of the state committee of the Communist Party in New Haven during the current year although he is reported as a member of that committee.

The same informant advised that a list had been furnished him by ALFRED J. GREEN, Membership and Dues Secretary, and MICHAEL RUSSO, Executive Secretary, which list was believed by this informant to be a membership list of the Waterbury branch of the Communist Party because of certain symbols appearing

thereon which could only be interpreted in that manner. The names of the Subject, his wife, LYDIA JEAN ~~X~~HILLIS, his sister, LEAN ~~X~~RUBIN, his mother, ANNA ~~X~~RUBIN and his mother's cousin, NATHAN ~~X~~ABRAMS, were all listed among these.

Mr. E. C. BRADLEY, Personnel Director of Scovill Manufacturing Company, advised that he Subject had reported to him on April 14, 1944, having been out of work since April 4, 1944, and stated that the reason for his absence had been because of his attempt to join the Merchant Marine. He had passed the physical examination afforded by this service and was subsequently classified 1A by his Local Draft Board, whereupon he had endeavored to enlist in the Army. Mr. BRADLEY stated that there was currently a dispute between the company and the Subject over the Subject's right to a bonus in view of the fact that he had not given notice of his intention to be away from his place of employment during this period.

Mr. ALLEN ~~X~~CURTIS, Director of Labor Relations at Scovill Manufacturing Company, stated that JAMES SULLIVAN, President of Local 569, mentioned above, had been known to him since 1938 and was regarded by him as reasonable and temperate in his contact of union affairs, and has never shown any indication of membership or sympathy with Communists. Mr. CURTIS had never seen RUBIN to his knowledge, did not believe he was a member of the recruiting committee of that local and knew of no association between RUBIN and SULLIVAN. He advised that on one occasion shortly after RUBIN's employment a year ago, ALEX ~~X~~CASHIN, CIO organizer in Connecticut and assigned to the IUMMSW, CIO, had called him on the telephone and advised him that RUBIN was a Communist and that the Company at that time had an opportunity to get rid of RUBIN as his status was not fixed until he had been an employee for three months. However, this had never been done although Mr. CURTIS had passed the information on to the appropriate officials in the Company.

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~~X~~Confidential Informant [] advised that JAMES SULLIVAN was known to him as President of Local 565, that he had been opposed by the JOHN ~~X~~DRISCOLL faction in the IUMMSW, CIO not because he, SULLIVAN, was a Communist although this faction was opposed to Communists, but because they were not in sympathy with him as a desirable president of the local. In the intra-local dispute the Subject had lined up with SULLIVAN and was partly instrumental in accomplishing SULLIVAN's reelection as president. To this extent informant believed that SULLIVAN might be associated with RUBIN, but he did not regard SULLIVAN as a Communist or likely to be drawn into the orbit of the Communists Party.

[] advised that the Subject was known to have attended only one meeting.

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of the Waterbury branch of the Communist Party since January 1 and that was on April 14, 1944, at 103 Green Street, when the advertised speakers were ELIZABETH GANNETT, National Recruiting Organizer for the Communist Party and ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party. On that occasion RUBIN had stated that he was going into the Army, his operation had been successful, he had passed the examination of the Merchant Marine and that his wife had notified his Local Board who had placed him in classification 1A. Consequently, he had persuaded the board to arrange for his immediate induction and he expected notice daily. At this meeting ANDREW ONDA had reprimanded RUBIN for not consulting anyone before planning to go into the Army immediately instead of waiting the sixty or ninety days allowable.

On April 20, 1944, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the Subject had received a notice from his Local Board which appeared to be a notice to report for induction.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Reading, Pennsylvania

Will contact Local Draft Board 5, Berks County, regarding the Subject's present status and upon his induction into the armed services report his Army serial number. It may be noted that his order number is 2308, according to information furnished in report of Special Agent ROBERT E. REDINGTON dated November 4, 1943, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

At Waterbury, Connecticut

Will continue to contact Confidential Informants regarding the Subject's continued activity in the Communist Party and his induction into the armed services.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of temporary Confidential Informants mentioned in report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated May 1, 1944, at New Haven, Connecticut, in instant case is as follows:

T-1 GABRIEL PRICE
Internal Revenue Collector
Waterbury Office
Waterbury, Conn.

T-2 (b)(7) - (D)
Post Office
Waterbury, Conn.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/5/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/22, 24/44	REPORT MADE BY T. J. HAGARTY
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

RUBIN was inducted into U. S. Army 5/10/44 and ordered to report to the New Cumberland Reception Center on that day. His Army serial number is 33837353.

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Reference:

Bureau File 100-40033;
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM JANE MYERS, dated at New Haven 5/1/44.

Details:

RAY GODSHALL, Chief Clerk, Local Draft Board No. 5, Reading, Pa. advised that on April 12, 1944 RUBIN applied for voluntary induction and requested immediate induction on May 3, 1944. He was examined at Allentown, Pa. May 10, 1944 and was inducted into the United States Army on that date and ordered to report to the New Cumberland, Pa. Reception Center. His Army serial number is 33837353.

The following description of the Subject was obtained from the files of the Local Draft Board:

Name:	BARNARD RUBIN
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	29
Born:	4/7/15 at Brooklyn, New York
Height:	5 ft. 4½ in.
Weight:	168

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Phila. File 100-386

Build:	Heavy
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Ruddy
Marital Status:	Single
Relatives:	Mother, ANNA LEVINE RUBIN
	51 Thompson Street
	Waterbury, Connecticut
	Father, JACOB RUBIN
	Address unknown
	Brother, SOL RUBIN
	71 Washington Square South
	New York City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

NH FILE NO. 100-6545 gml

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/20/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/1, 11, 15; 6/10/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. MYERS
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was. Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject referred to as one of two leaders of CP in Waterbury by Executive Secretary of Conn. CP. Subject in U.S. Army. List of telephone toll calls set out. No further investigation being made.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-40033
Report of Special Agent T. J. Hagarty dated June 5, 1944 at Philadelphia, Pa.

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DETAILS:

~~Confidential Informant~~ [redacted] on April 21, 1944 related that ANDREW RONDA, Executive Secretary of the CP, 15th District, had told MICHAEL A. RUSSO, Chairman of the 15th District, and PAUL BLOOM, Treasurer of the 15th District, that he had recently met with the subject in Waterbury and through him had made the acquaintance of JAMES SULLIVAN, President of Local 569 of the IUMM & SW, CIO, but had not made any effort to recruit Sullivan. He advised that subject and MICHAEL RUSSO were the best members of the Party in Waterbury.

[redacted] advised that LYDIA JEAN HILLIS, the subject's wife and a member of the Waterbury Branch of the CP, and MICHAEL RUSSO, Executive Secretary of the Waterbury Branch of the CP, had advised them that the subject was now in the United States Army.

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following list of

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telephone toll calls from the telephone listed in the name of BARNARD RUBIN,
51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, number Waterbury 4-2318.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Listing</u>
Naugatuck, Conn.	4560	4/10,17,19	Mrs. HOWARD JONES 53 Main Street Beacon Falls, Conn.
Naugatuck, Conn.	4851	2/29;3/1,6	JOHN KINGSLEY ✓ Woodruff Avenue Naugatuck, Conn.
New Haven, Conn.	8-2438	4/5, 17	CP Headquarters 9 Center Street New Haven, Conn.
New York City	Endicott 2-7237	3/1,3,8, 27;4/17	No listing
New York City	Canal 6-8617 (Collect)	3/14	No listing
New York City	Havemeyer 4-3350	3/19	No listing
New York City	Regent 7-0122	3/24	Dr. DANIEL CASTOR 177 E. 77th St. New York, N. Y.
New York City	Spring 7-1778	4/6,8	Dr. DANIEL CASTOR 71 So. Washington Square New York, N. Y.
New York City	Tremont 2-5930	4/1/	No listing
New York City	Bowling Green 9-9556	4/10	From - In call
New York City	University 4-7536 (a Pay station)	4/16	Person to Person " <u>Miss ADAMS</u> "
New York City	Havemeyer 4-8889	4/20	<u>KAUFMAN</u> 39 Roosevelt Ave. Queens, New York

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<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Listing</u>
Reading, Pa.	2-8219	4/20	SIG LURIO No address

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that on May 15, 1944 a letter had been delivered addressed to the subject's mother, Mrs. ANNA RUBIN, 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut with the return address:

Pvt. BEN RUBIN, #22837353.
Area #1, Barracks 255
Roster #1242, R.C. 3384^a S.U.
New Cumberland, Pa.

It may be noted that in referenced report the subject's Army Serial Number is furnished as 33837353.

In view of the fact that the subject is now in the armed services, no further investigation is being contemplated.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

One copy of this report is being sent to New York for information in view of the letter furnished this office by the New York office dated March 7, 1944, captioned "Barnard Rubin, was., Internal Security (C)". This letter furnished information regarding JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS whose name had been used by the subject as a reference on a Personnel Security Questionnaire furnished by him to the Scovill Mfg. Co. at the request of the Provost Marshal's office.

It will be noted by the New York Field Division that in the list of toll calls furnished, the subject on April 16, 1944 called New York, University 4-7536 (stated to be a pay station by T-1) and placed a person to person call for "Miss ADAMS". It is believed probable that this call was for JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS, key figure in the New York office, pursuant to the information contained in New York letter.

As subject is now in the Army no effort is being made by the New Haven Field Division to determine to whom the other calls were made, this being left to the discretion of the New York office in the event that it may be significant to their investigation of JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Below are set forth the identities of the temporary confidential informants designated in the report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated at New Haven 6/20/44 in the case entitled "Barnard Rubin, was. Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben; Internal Security (C)".

T-1 is [REDACTED] of the Southern New England Telephone Company.

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T-2 is [REDACTED] at the United States Post Office in Waterbury.

Both informants requested that their identity be kept confidential.

Date:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases
BEN RUBIN, BENJAMIN RUBIN, BEN RUBEN
A.S.N. 33837353

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This Bureau has recently been advised that the above captioned individual who previously resided at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, was inducted into the United States Army on May 10, 1944, and ordered to report to the New Cumberland, Pennsylvania Reception Center.

Your office has previously been furnished with information concerning this individual, and for your further information there are attached the following reports:

Report of Special Agent William J. Myers made at New Haven, Connecticut, dated June 20, 1944.

Report of Special Agent T. J. Hagarty made at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated June 5, 1944.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New Haven, Connecticut
July 17, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: BARNARD RUBIN, was -
Security Matter - C
Bureau File 100-40033

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. J. Hagarty dated June 5, 1944, at Philadelphia, Penna., and to the closing report of Special Agent William J. Myers dated June 20, 1944, at New Haven, Connecticut.

In view of the fact that this subject was inducted into the US Army on May 10, 1944, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Security Index Card maintained on Rubin is being withdrawn from the Security Index Box in this office and is being placed in the case file on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Roger F. Gleason
Roger F. Gleason, *fgw*
Special Agent in Charge.



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SAC, New Haven

August 9, 1946

Director, FBI

BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your letter dated April 1, 1946, setting forth a list of the key figures in your field division. It is noted that the name of the above captioned subject is not included therein.

A check of the Bureau file fails to disclose that you have informed by letter that subject was being deleted from the key figure list in your office. Accordingly, you are requested to promptly advise the Bureau as to whether or not subject is regarded as a key figure in your field division.

In this connection, your attention is directed to instructions contained in the National Defense Manual that not withstanding the fact that subject is inducted into the Armed Forces he should be retained on the key figure list.

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Director, FBI

~~COPYING MAIL ROOM; REPORTED BY WY. Benjamin E. Rubin,
Box 7, Union; LEAD FIELD OFFICE; RAYMOND HARVEY LOWERY;
ATLANTA
SECURITY MATTER - C~~

The following information was recently received from Military Intelligence Division at Washington, D. C. concerning the above-captioned subjects:

Captain Saul Rubin, Army Serial No. 0-790996, was born February 8, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York. His relatives include a brother, Bernard Rubin, alias Benjamin B. Rubin, alias Ben B. Rubin, a well-known Communist agitator in Pennsylvania and Connecticut and a former Communist Party official at both Reading, Pennsylvania and Waterbury, Connecticut, a sister, Leah Rubin Leopold, and her husband, Raymond Martin Leopold, and his mother, Aaron Rubin, all of whom are reported to have been active in the Communist Party in Connecticut.

At the time of his induction into the Army, Earl Rubin resided at 15 West 41st Street, New York City. He is reliably reported to have been active at one time in Communist Party affairs in Connecticut. On March 27, 1943, he attended the Young Communist League War Bureau at Royal Windsor Hall, 69 West 44th Street, New York City. He subsequently saw service in Europe in the Air Corps. He was placed on Casual leave on October 10, 1946, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas to revert to inactive status on November 9, 1946. His home address was given as 71 Washington Square, South, New York City.

The aforementioned data are being forwarded to you for your information and guidance in conducting an investigation concerning the Communist activities of these subjects.

CG - NEW YORK

cc - Philadelphia

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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : E. C. Fitch *ECF*
 SUBJECT: CAPTAIN SAUL RUBIN;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

DATE: 11/19/46

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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The following information was made available to Supervisor F. P. Griffree for the Bureau's information by Lieutenant Colonel James Williams of MID.

[Captain Saul Rubin, Army Serial No. 0-790996, was born February 8, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York. His relatives include a brother, Bernard Rubin, alias Benjamin R. Rubin, alias Ben R. Rubin, a well-known Communist agitator in Pennsylvania and Connecticut and a former Communist Party official at both Reading, Pennsylvania and Waterbury, Connecticut. A sister, Leah Rubin Leopold, and her husband, Raymond Marvin Leopold, and his mother, Anna Rubin, all of whom are reported to have been active in the Communist Party in Connecticut.

At the time of his induction into the Army, Saul Rubin resided at 15 West Eighth Street, New York City. He is reliably reported to have been active at one time in Communist Party affairs in Connecticut. On March 27, 1943, he attended the Young Communist League War Dance at Royal Windsor Hall, 69 West 66th Street, New York City. He subsequently saw service in Europe in the Air Corps. He was placed on terminal leave on October 10, 1946, at Fort San Houston, Texas to revert to inactive status on November 9, 1946. His home address was given as 71 Washington Square, South, New York City.]

ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section for their information and such action as deemed advisable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
BUREAU FILE NO. 100-40033

DATE: February 11, 1947

Pursuant to a request from the New York Field Division by letter dated January 28, 1947, that the New York Field Division be furnished with all pertinent information concerning the Subject not already in their file, one copy each of the following reports is being forwarded to the New York Field Division together with a copy of this letter:-

Report of Special Agent WALTER A. HILGENDORF dated 2-4-43 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM S. GORDON dated 7-2-43 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent William S. Gordon dated 9-25-43 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent RICHARD W. WRIGHT dated 9-24-43 at Philadelphia
Report of Special Agent ROBERT E. REDINGTON dated 11-4-43 at Philadelphia
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated 12-1-43 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated 2-1-44 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated 3-15-44 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent J. PHILIP O'BRIEN dated 4-12-44 at Washington, D.C.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. MYERS dated 5-1-44 at New Haven
Report of Special Agent T. J. HAGARTY dated 6-5-44 at Philadelphia.

Reference letter from the New York Field Division requested that the Subject's present residence address be ascertained from Selective Service or other records. A review of the New Haven file reflects that there is no information as to a current address. The report of Special Agent WALTER A. HILGENDORF made at New Haven, Connecticut, on February 4, 1943, reflects the Subject's local board as being Local Board No. 8, 103 Avenue B, New York City, but subsequent reports reflect the Subject's draft board as being Local Board 5, Reading, Pa. The report of Special Agent T. J. HAGARTY made June 5, 1944, at Philadelphia reflects that the Subject was inducted into the Armed Forces through Local Board 5, Reading, Pennsylvania. Accordingly, it appears that the Reading Draft Board is the correct board rather than the New York Board.

The Philadelphia Field Division is requested to contact Local Board 5, Reading, Pennsylvania, in order to ascertain the Subject's present residence address reflected in the records of that board and to advise the New York Field Division of the results of such contact. The Philadelphia Field Division is also requested to furnish to the New York Field Division one copy each of the reports of Special Agent W. R. LORRY dated 11-22-41 and 9-25-42.

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cc-New York (100-48274)
Philadelphia (100-386)

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Letter DIRECTOR, FBI
Re: BARNARD RUBIN, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

February 11, 1947

There is no indication that the Subject is presently residing in the territory of the New Haven Field Division since he is employed in New York as a columnist for the Daily Worker and it is presumed that he is likewise living in the territory of the New York Field Division. Accordingly, it is suggested that upon verification of the Subject's residence, the New York Field Division be made the office of origin in this case.

100-40033

SAC, New Haven

February 12, 1947

Director, FBI

BARNARD RUHIN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
New Haven File #100-6545

For your information there is attached hereto a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the Washington Times Herald, morning edition, of January 16, 1947, concerning the subject.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Writer Kicked Off Army Paper Lands Red Job

By WALTER TROHAN

Last March 3, Gen. MacArthur, Allied supreme commander in Japan, ousted T/5 Barnard Rubin from the staff of Stars and Stripes, service journal published at Tokyo, for "flavoring" his writings with "communistic thought."

At the time Rubin protested loudly and vehemently that he was not a Communist or a follower of the Communist party line. He labeled himself a victim of military persecution.

Writes For Red Paper

Today Rubin is writing a column, "Broadway Beat," for the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist party. Federal investigators familiar with Communist practices said that Rubin would have to be a party member to get such a prominent post on the paper.

His denials of a year ago recalled that it is a Communist tenet never to admit party membership or even fellow traveler affiliation, but to deny any connection most strenuously.

In his column, which reports on the Broadway scene with ideological slants, Rubin takes almost a daily party line dig against his former commander.

Raps Hirohito Status

Recently he noted that Emperor Hirohito of Japan had granted audience to American missionaries who have been active in Japan for years.

"Mrs. Henry Topping was mentioned as being one of those missionaries! Mrs. Topping . . . is one of those who broadcast Japanese government propaganda to this country while we were at war.

"Hirohito, who (is) permitted so graciously to 'grant' things in Japan, was the commanding figure at the Japanese imperial staff meetings which decided the Pearl Harbor attack."

Another item reported Mrs. Topping stole her husband's base, and stole his wife's articles home as if it were his own. The item ran around the Hen-

ry Daily Worker, Brook-

lyn, D. C. "Lippy" D. C.

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WASHINGTON TIMES
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ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/15/47

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-40033

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum to New Haven dated February 12, 1947, captioned as above, transmitting therewith a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the Washington Times Herald, morning edition of January 16, 1947 concerning the subject.

Inasmuch as the New York Field Office is now Office of Origin in this matter, the aforementioned photostatic copy of a newspaper article is being forwarded to the New York Field Division for their information.

cc New York (encl)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: March 7, 1947

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File #100-40033)

Reference is made to a letter to the Bureau from the New Haven Field Division dated February 11, 1947, concerning the above-captioned person, in which it was requested that the records of Local Board #5 at Reading, Pennsylvania, be checked in an effort to ascertain the present address of BARNARD RUBIN.

Miss BESSIE WILSON, Chief Clerk, Local Board #5, Reading, Pennsylvania, advised on March 3, 1947, that the records of that board reflect that RUBIN resides at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. The above address was furnished to Local Board #5 on May 24, 1946, at which time RUBIN was separated from the armed forces.

In accordance with instructions contained in referenced letter from the New Haven Field Division, there is being enclosed herewith to the New York Field Division one copy of each of the reports of Special Agent W. R. LORRY, dated November 22, 1941, and September 25, 1942.

A review of the files of the Philadelphia Field Division reflects that ANNA LEVINE RUBIN, mother of subject, resided at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, in June of 1944.

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cc: New Haven (100-6545)
New York (100-48274) - Enclosures (2)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: April 7, 1947

FROM : J. C. STRICKLAND

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN

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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Special Agent Granville of the New York Office called and advised the Daily Worker for today, April 7, 1947, in the column written by Barnard Rubin has the following comments: "J. Edgar Hoover is pulling all of his FBI boys out of anti-Semitic and Fascist organizations. Other investigators attached to the Bureau who specialize in that type of work are being dropped."

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BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

A FIERCE BUT UNPUBLICIZED struggle has been raging in top psychiatry circles.

One gang wants the entire profession to turn over to the FBI the names and case histories of laborites and leftists who receive treatment on the grounds that they are "unstable and dangerous."

As itemed here previously, the FBI has already been after information from psychoanalysts who have treated progressives and Communists.

But this gang wants the entire profession to go in for stool-pigeoning voluntarily. J. Edgar Hoover has met with some of them in an effort to swing the entire profession into line.

However, this repulsive prostitution of the profession is being met with determined opposition from the honest and top men in the field. . . .



TOWN TALK

The Motion Picture Alliance (the anti-labor, red-baiting Hollywood outfit which has been feeding the Un-American Committee all that nonsense) has been placing some of its hack writers in studio jobs. Producer is buffaloed with the line that the hacks "are on our side" and therefore belong on the payroll in preference to a writer who doesn't think Louis B. Mayer or Jack Warner is God.

One of these hacks who was kissing the Un-American Committee's boots and other things when they were out there was hired in just that way. But so incompetent was he that his stuff wasn't even good enough for the usual Hollywood trash. When his option expired the producer refused to be pressured into picking it up. "Even if he is on our side," the producer raved, "the so-and-so just can't write."

Speaking of the above, there's just a French senator in Hollywood now to "observe the film industry's handling of communism." Believe it or not, his last name is Bastid. . . .

Broadway movie houses feeling the pinch, but good, on matinees. . . .

Lana Turner was wearing one of those latest style "mystery" sweaters when a naughty child of 30 passed by with the remark: "I'd like to unravel that yarn."

St. Clair McKelway, associate editor of the New Yorker, working on a play needling army public relations officers. He was one himself on Saipan and Guam during the war. Tentative title is Peter Roger Oboe. In army radio code Peter Roger Oboe stands for PRO—the abbreviation for Public Relations Office . . . (Pro was also GI language for a prophylactic).

Edgar Bergen did a show for the leper colony on Molokai Island during his vacation in Hawaii. . . .

Jack Pearl has been optioned by the National Broadcasting Company. . . .

Bing Crosby's partner Frank E. McKinney has bought WISH, an Indianapolis radio station. . . .

Fats Waller's teacher, James F. Johnson, the Dean of Harlem "party" piano players, will perform at the Ziegfeld Theatre Sunday evening June 29 for the Spanish Refugee Appeal all-star Jazz Concert. Canada Lee recording Richard Wright's "Black Boy" as a Talking Book for the American Foundation for the Blind. . . .

David Niles, the White House brain-truster, was the source who put out those feelers about Burton K. Wheeler stepping into Attorney General Tom Clark's job. . . .

Talk that the Shuberts may start a new vaudeville chain. . . . The New York Daily News has started a high-pressure campaign to get comic strips Moon Mullin, Gasoline Alley, Little Orphan Annie, Harold Teen and other cultural contributions on the radio networks. . . .

Jack Eigen, who's been bringing customers into the Copacabana with his clever disc jockeying, being bargained for by the networks. . . .

Swing organist Ethel Smith attended a luncheon in Hollywood thrown by the wife of one of the movie big-wigs. Most of the women there were of the same social (?) strata. When one producer's bride arrived literally dripping with diamonds, Ethel gasped, "Aren't they beautiful!" "Hmph," snorted the hostess with a shrug, "last year's jewels."

Fred Allen, whose picture appears in ads boosting Maine as vacationland, is vacationing at Cape Cod, Mass. . . .

Fiorello LaGuardia was asked to play the role of the Judge in a summer stock version of Pick Up Girl. He wired the producers the following:

"Thanks for the compliment. I haven't a voice for singing, and as you know, I haven't a Clark Gable figure. Besides I am such an incurable, uncontrollable individualist that I cannot read lines and would only make them up as I went along, which would throw your entire cast. What you need is a good actor, but again my thanks for thinking of me."

Arthur Miller's Critics Prize Play All My Sons is wanted by British movie producer J. Arthur Rank. He's offered \$150,000 for the film rights. . . .

Lucienne Boyer will do her stuff in Montreal for a short period after she closes at Cafe Society Union. . . .

A musical composer signed to do the complete score for a musical comedy in 10 days. "That will take a lot out of you," commented a well-wisher. "Not out of me," countered the composer, "but a whale out of a lot out of Tchaikovsky."

Handwritten: G.I.R. 5

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E.A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
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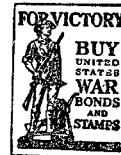
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

August 4, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: **BARNARD RUBIN, was;
SECURITY MATTER - C**
(Bureau File 100-40033)

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: **BARNARD RUBIN**
Aliases: **Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben**

*SI cd Inactive
9-3-47
lmf*

Residence Address: **1132 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y.**

Business Address: **Daily Worker
50 East 13 Street
New York, N.Y.**

☒ Native Born ☐ Alien ☐ Naturalized

☒ Communist ☐ German ☐ Miscellaneous

☐ Fascist (Italian) ☐ Japanese ☐

Date of Birth 4-17-16

Place of Birth Brooklyn, N. Y.

Entered U. S. _____ at _____

Naturalized (date) _____

Naturalized (place and Court) _____

*Letter to New York
Jem: 10-22-47*

G. I. R. - 8

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
**EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC**

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Letter

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submitted by J. Donald Reed

dated 8-4-47

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to be sent to Dept of Justice

Subject Barnard Rabin

Synopsis Subj writes column, "Broadway Beat,"
for Daily Worker

This is to be removed from file upon the return of the item and
forwarded to the Coordinator of Mail and Files

Date 9-8-47

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 100-48274 MFB

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8-4-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/9,13/47	REPORT MADE BY J. DONALD REED
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, with aliases: Ben Rubin, Benjamin Rubin, Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject writes column, "Broadway Beat", for "Daily Worker".

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-40033
New Haven letter to Bureau and New York, 2/15/47.
Report of SA T. J. Hagarty, Philadelphia, 6/5/44.

DETAILS:

At New York, New York

The reference report of Special Agent T. J. Hagarty, Philadelphia, 6/5/44, indicates subject was inducted into the United States Army, May 10, 1944, at Reading, Pennsylvania, receiving Army Serial Number 33837353. It is to be noted that the subject was formerly Communist Party functionary in Waterbury, Connecticut, prior to his induction.

The New York Daily News for March 3, 1946, contains an article by VICTOR KEEN, Staff Correspondent, with the dateline, Tokyo, March 2, 1946, stating that the subject, a columnist for the Pacific Stars and Stripes, had been dismissed from that position, based on charges that he was a Communist Party member and that his writings were flavored with Communist thought. According to this article RUBIN admitted Party membership four years ago, but claimed he left the Party before being inducted. This article also states that the subject was a member of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE.

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The Daily Worker for November 9, 1946 contains an article by DAVID PLATT regarding the subject in which he states that the subject, a veteran of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE in Spain, was once educational director for the MINE, METAL, AND SMELTER WORKERS OF AMERICA, in Connecticut. He described the subject as a reported for labor newspapers and formerly the operator of a bookstore in the Bronx. PLATT also indicated that the subject was working on a book which was tentatively entitled, "Betrayal In Japan". He added that EDGAR SNOW had reportedly recommended the subject for a Guggenheim Fellowship and further added that RUBIN was to address IWO Lodge 147 at 1336 Wilkens Avenue, Bronx, N. Y., December 13, 1946.

The Daily Worker for December 14, 1946 announces a new column entitled, "Broadway Beat" by BERNARD RUBIN, who is described as a former Star columnist of the Pacific Stars and Stripes. This column was to begin December 16, 1946.

The Worker for December 15, 1946 contains a similar announcement in which the subject is referred to as a former rifleman in the International Brigade in Spain.

A review of the subject's column in the Daily Worker since December 16, 1946, reflects that it is a copy of other "Broadway" columns, but that considerable space is devoted to attacks on WALTER WINCHELL, ISAAC DON LEVINE, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and law enforcement officials and agencies. This column also carries many favorable items regarding activities of such organizations as the PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA.

The Daily Worker for February 2, 1947 announces that the subject would speak on "The Betrayal of Japan" at the Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, on February 2, 1947.

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On February 14, 1947, Confidential Informant [] provided Special Agent Herbert P. Larsen with an announcement issued by the HENRY FORBES Section of the Communist Party of a cocktail Party to be held on February 2, 1947. This announcement stated that the subject would be present to greet the guests.

On March 14, 1947, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject was one of the signers of a telegram addressed to Secretary of Labor SCHWELLENBACH, Washington, D. C., and that this telegram stated, "We are members of the Daily Worker Staff, are Communists, and War veterans". "We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect."

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The same informant has verified the subject's employment with the Daily Worker and has advised that the subject resides at 1132 Third Avenue, New York City.

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Brooklyn Birth Certificate No. 20552 reflects that the subject was born on April 7, 1916, Brooklyn, and that his parents JACOB RUBIN and ANNA (LEVY) RUBIN were both born in Russia.

ANNA X LEVY

Inasmuch as the Communist Party activities of the subject have been brought up to date, this case is being closed, subject to reopening to report further Communist activities.

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100-40033 ✓

October 22, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

RUBIN, BARNARD, was.

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

**Aliases: Ben Rubin
Benjamin Rubin
Ben Ruben**

**Residence: 1132 Third Avenue
New York, New York**

**Business Address: Daily Worker
50 East 13 Street
New York, N. Y.**

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: January 14, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF BARNARD RUBIN (DAILY WORKER)
CONCERNING 21 BUREAU AGENTS OF PARIS, FRANCE

Mr. Tolson	
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you of January 10, 1948, concerning the allegation of a Daily Worker columnist that the Bureau had 21 agents in Paris, France, and that through their efforts the passport of a U.S. citizen, a representative of the American Veterans Committee, Paris chapter, had been revoked. The individual's passport which was revoked by the State Department has been identified as Charles Jesse Lipow. The Bureau was informed of Lipow's activities in an Army Intelligence report received by the Bureau October 24, 1947. This report summarizes Lipow's activities abroad, and his strong Communist activities while there was made available to the New York office, as Lipow is a resident of that city.

The State Department also supplied to the Bureau information which they had received from the Army. An airgram received by the State Department from the Embassy in Paris today reflects that Lipow was called into the American Embassy in Paris and informed that his passport was being revoked for further stay abroad. It was revalidated for "immediate return to the United States only". Lipow departed from Rotterdam January 2 on the SS Nieuw Amsterdam due to arrive in New York on or about January 9.

Mr. Jack Neal with whom this matter was discussed, advised that at the present time [redacted] and that on occasions they do security checks for the Embassy. He stated that it was quite obvious to him that any person like Lipow would have knowledge of their presence and draw the erroneous conclusion that they were FBI agents.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 10, 1948

FROM : D. M. LADD *sh Gal*SUBJECT: *X* ALLEGATION OF BARNARD RUBIN (DAILY WORKER)
CONCERNING 21 BUREAU AGENTS OF PARIS, FRANCE

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BARNARD RUBIN

Reference is made to the attached newspaper clipping from the "Daily Worker" dated January 8, 1948, stating, among other things, that the Bureau had twenty-one Agents in Paris, France, checking on so-called un-American activities of American citizens in France. One case is cited where the FBI in Paris was successful in revoking the passport of "a leader in the American Veterans Committee, Paris Chapter..." You commented by stating, "What are the facts?"

As you know, the Bureau has only one representative in Paris, namely Special Agent Horton R. Telford, who is the Legal Attache attached to the Embassy for liaison purposes only.

With reference to the so-called revoking of a passport at the instance of the Bureau's representative in Paris, this allegation is absolutely untrue. A check of the Bureau files has failed to identify the case in question which, if true, has not been called to the Bureau's attention by the State Department. Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department made a very careful search at the Passport Division of the State Department without effecting an identification of the case cited. The State Department is attempting to run this allegation out, and have sent an instruction to Paris asking the U. S. Embassy if they can identify a case where a passport had been revoked of a representative of the American Veterans Committee, Paris Chapter. As soon as a reply is received by the State Department from abroad, you will be informed of the information developed.

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BROADWAY BEAT

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What are the facts?

By BARNARD RUBIN.

J. EDGAR HOOVER has been inspiring "leaks" to various columnists and Washington correspondents to the effect that all of his FBI stooges have been withdrawn from foreign countries.

False. In Paris right now, for example, Hoover has a staff of 21 FBIers. They're supposed to watch American citizens there who, in J. Edgar's opinion, are potentially guilty of "un-American" activities—and get the passports revoked of those the snoopers become unhappy about.



The biggest achievement to date of the FBI in Paris was the revoking of the passport of a leader in the American Veterans Committee Paris chapter, who was studying there. He was forced to leave the country and now many American students are afraid to belong to that organization because they can't afford to have their studies disrupted. . . .

TOWN TALK

Producers of the war-mongering movie, The Iron Curtain, had their agents around Broadway some time ago recruiting local actors for supporting roles. A goodly number of them rejected the offer. A couple of well known Hollywood actors pulled out when they became aware of the nature of the film. . . .

Jules Dassin (director for the Hellinger films, The Killers and Naked City) in Chicago to help director Benno Schneider with the new legitimate comedy, Strange Bedfellows. . . .

George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart called in to doctor up the coming musical, Make Mine Manhattan. Hart has \$30,000. in the show. . . .

One of the producers of the current Broadway Crime and Punishment, is making a nuisance of himself giving orders to the actors contrary to those of the director. The other day he told one of the actors to use less make-up. It so happened that that particular actor was using no make-up at all. . . .

People's Songs will send out a traveling Hootenany for the Wallace campaign. . . .

Si-Lan Chen, daughter of China's Foreign Minister under Sun Yat Sen, off to the coast to direct dances for movie outfit. . . .

Frédric March has bought an option on a play about Eugene Debs. Script is by Abby Mann, a young Pittsburgh playwright. . . .

Bing Crosby, one of the wealthiest entertainers of all time, now has a new money maker. A tape recording company. . . .

Anna Sokolow, after her solo concert at the 92 Street "Y," Feb. 1, will begin designing dance routines for a new intimate musical review.

The Signal Corps Photographic Center in Astoria planning 300 training films. . . .

Earl Robinson due back in New York the Feb. 1 week-end, and to appear at the Lincoln Memorial Program in Town Hall.

Disc jockey Barry Gray severely beaten up in Miami. . . .

Bobby Clark being approached to play the lead in Bonanza Bound, which producers are hoping to reopen after its death out of town. They're also after George Abbott to do the directing. . . .

Of the 16 additional performances scheduled for Barrie Stavis "Lamp At Midnight," seven are already completely sold out. The author, who won rave reviews, will be interviewed on the Martha Deane program Monday, Jan. 12, 10:15 a.m. on station WOR. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

Getting a laugh in the trade is the tag line on his story which Arthur Blakely, parliamentary correspondent for "The Montreal Gazette," filed on the various phases of taxation during the past year.

After outlining how Canadians have had to shell out for various things during the past year, Blakely finished up:

"Canadians paid out \$17,061,849 in excise tax for the privilege of amusing themselves (amusement taxes). There should be an easier way." . . .

Congratulations to the Jerry Cooks of this paper. A baby girl. . . .

Red Smith, of the New York Herald Tribune, tells this one about ghostwriting for a sportswriter on a drunk.

During the days before Western Union and Postal Telegraph merged, a veteran sportswriter went on a long week-end just when he was supposed to be covering the Saratoga races.

For several days a friendly Western Union chief selected paragraphs from other reporters' dispatches and patched together stories which he filed under the old-timer's by-line.

One day the drunk staggered into the Western Union office.

"Listen," he roared, wagging a finger under the chief's nose, "if my stuff doesn't improve immediately, I'm filing Postal." . . .

See you in the week-end Worker.

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January 18, 1949

SAC, New York

RE: BARNARD RUBIN, was
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your File 100-48274

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent J. Donald Reed dated 8-4-47 at New York.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE:

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

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DATE OF BIRTH 4-7-15 PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 100-48274 TJD

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 16 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/2,3; 4/14; 8/1, 2,3/50	REPORT MADE BY SPURGEON C. BATTEN
TITLE CHANGED ¹ BARNARD RUBIN, was., Barney Rubin, Lee Newton			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 1152 3rd Ave., NYC. Employed as writer by Freedom of the Press, Inc. Subject described as Cultural Editor and Drama Critic of the "Daily Worker". Subject director of New Playwrights, Inc. Subject married 9/21/46 to PEARL MILLER, born 4/3/15 in NYC. Both parents of PEARL MILLER born Russia. Background information and activities of subject set out. No credit or criminal record located.

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*Communicated to [unclear]
Barney Rubin [unclear]
Daily Worker (Amplified)*

DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked changed to reflect the addition of the aliases, LEE NEWTON, as reported by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on May 6, 1949 and BARNEY RUBIN, as furnished by Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, who advised on July 22, 1948 that subject was known to him by this name.

Residence

On August 3, 1950 Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that subject resided at 1152 Third Avenue, New York City, in care of SAUL RUBIN.

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Employment

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he knew for a fact that subject was employed by the "Daily Worker" from June 27, 1947 to September 15, 1949.

On March 4, 1950 Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that subject was employed as a writer with the Freedom of the Press, Inc. and had been so employed since November, 1946.

The Freedom of the Press, Inc. is the organization which publishes the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker"; these being the daily and Sunday editions of an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker", January 26, 1950, page 11, column 4 describes subject as being the Cultural Editor and Drama Critic of the "Daily Worker".

The "Daily Worker", July 19, 1950, page 11 columns 1, 2 and 3 announces the formation of a new theater group called New Playwrights, Inc., of which subject is the director. According to the "Daily Worker", New Playwrights, Inc. is "dedicated to a plan of continuous production; the group is out to build up a theater culture that will express the aspirations of the people and fight the decadent culture of imperialism."

Background

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on March 4, 1950 that subject married PEARL MILLER on September 21, 1946. Confidential Informant T-3 further advised that a daughter PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born [REDACTED] FOIA b 6

Records of the Bronx County Marriage Licence Bureau reflected in marriage certificate # 32730 that subject was married on September 21, 1946 to PEARL MILLER. The records further reflected that PEARL MILLER was born in New York City on April 3, 1915, but that her father, GABRIEL MILLER, and her mother, ANNA HENLIEN, were both born in Russia.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, New York reflect in birth certificate # 43260 that PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born on [REDACTED] Her father was listed as BARNARD RUBIN and her mother as PEARL RUBIN. The parents' address was given as 1152 Third Avenue, New York City.

In an article in the "Daily Worker" dated February 15, 1949, page 10, columns 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a member of the National Board, Communist Party, USA, writes concerning subject:

"I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was a section organizer of the Communist Party in Reading, Pennsylvania, a sturdy, chunky, little guy dressed in over-large clothes he had worn back from France. I liked his hearty laugh. He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania.

"Disposses cases were the tag-end of the depression. He became known as 'the Communist organizer who puts people's furniture back'.

"Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut, where he worked in a brass shop, and helped to organize the union and the Party.

"Came the war, and Barney was soon on the Pacific battlefront. I kept track of him through his mother. Soldier comrades began writing me of his work on the army paper. Someone brought me a whole series of columns he did in Japan, after victory, on the release of the Communists from prison (of which he brought me back a wonderful picture), on the trade unions, the gripes of the GI's. It brought him into a head-on clash with General MacARTHUR.

"The editor, ~~PETTUS~~, and RUBIN, as assistant, were both removed. They became heroes to the soldiers, who hated the American emperor as much as Hirohito."

Communist Activities

A review of the subject's writings in the "Daily Worker" since October 28, 1947 reveals that considerable space is devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American foreign policy and on capitalist culture.

The "Daily Worker" of November 27, 1947, page 16, column 4 carries a column by subject in which he denounces the FBI. He states that the FBI, in an attempt to frame up a big spy scare, follows an anti-Semitic line in its investigations.

The "Daily Worker" of September 5, 1948, page 13, column 1 carries a column by subject in which he denounces ARTHUR BLISS LANE, former United States Ambassador to Poland, for what subject calls outrageous lies against the new Polish republic.

The "Daily Worker" of January 4, 1949, page 13, column 1 carries a column by subject in which he states, "The newest and possibly vilest outbreak of anti-liberal and anti-Communist slanders will begin January 23, when the ravings of ROBERT E. STRIPLING, who has just resigned as chief investigator for the Un-American Committee, will be syndicated in many newspapers."

The "Daily Worker", March 25, 1949, page 13, column 1, in an article by the subject, condemns capitalist culture. Subject states:

"The American workers' and people's desire for peace coincides with the Soviet Union's desire for peace as opposed to Big Money's drive for war. So, too, does the necessity for our people to struggle against the race-baiting, war instigating and anti-working class culture that the Big Money institutions are feeding us coincide with the Soviet Union's fight against that same culture. The same profiteers who run the war-inciting politicians and brass here are also running the cultural show. Mellon oil gave the prize through Eliot to Pound - the same Mellon oil which thrives on war. The Rockefellers, Morgans and their class, are, in the main, the real owners of the film industry, the radio networks, the newspapers, etc. In most cases, in varying degrees, on the good will of these institutions depends the financial success of the books of all the publishing houses, the theater productions, music and art works, etc.

"It's capitalist culture, all right, and its main body, its main drive is, therefore, directed against the interests of the workers and the people; aimed at confusing them, drugging them, splitting them, prejudicing them against their friends, inciting them in order to make the Big Money's war preparations easier and, in general, at dissipating their potential united strength. Capitalism's culture today is one of the main and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women."

The "Daily Worker", September 14, 1949, page 12, column 1, carries an article by the subject condemning the American press for their enthusiastic reviews of books which attack and slander the Communists. The subject writes:

"Capitalism, in this period of its powerful last gasps, is going in big for mediocrity - as well as mendacity - on the intellectual front. Actually, of course, it has no choice. The intellectuals who serve it by attacking Communism and thus trying to rationalize away the misery, horrors and war which capitalism has to offer the majority of people living under it today, are good specimens of what I mean."

In an article in the "Daily Worker", May 15, 1950, subject attacks capitalist culture as being one of capitalism's most important and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women. He states:

"The capitalist controlled information and cultural media are constantly pounding away at the public's consciousness with all kinds of overt and subtle racism and chauvinism. In the cultural field, under the disguise of one form or another of art-for-art's sake, and formalism, the most disgusting atrocities have been put over and tolerated - unfortunately, even by many in the progressive movement."

An article in the "Daily Worker", November 11, 1949, page 12 column 3, there is an announcement that the subject would speak at a forum presented by the Progressive Playwrights on November 13, 1949.

In the "Daily Worker", December 9, 1949, page 11, column 2, there is an announcement that subject would speak at a forum presented by the Progressive Playwrights on December 11, 1949.

On January 3, 1950, page 8, column 3, of the "Daily Worker" there is an announcement that the "Daily Worker" would present subject in a series of lectures on, "The Soviet Art Criticisms and the Fight for Man".

On February 9, 1949 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject was listed as one of 34 official speakers of the "Daily Worker".

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On June 8, 1949 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject had subscribed to the "USSR Bulletin", published by the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

On July 22, 1948 Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that subject returned from his vacation early after being notified of the emergency occasioned by the arrest of 12 members of the Communist Party National Committee.

Confidential Informants T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10 and T-11, all of known reliability, who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York City area, advised they did not know subject.

Miscellaneous

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked and failed to reveal any information concerning subject.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation and the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and failed to reveal any information not previously reported by this office.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE RALPH G. MURDY.

The records of the Marriage Licence Bureau of Bronx County were checked by SE GERARD M. LENAHAH.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, were checked by SE WILLIAM R. SWEENEY.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he knew for a fact that subject was employed by the "Daily Worker" on the following dates: June 27, 1947; October 20, 1947; December 1, 1947; April 2, 1948; April 23, 1948; June 6, 1949; September 15, 1949.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA SPURGEON C. BATTEN, dated AUG 16 1950, at New York, New York are as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED]

T-2 Pretext telephone call made by SA SPURGEON C. BATTEN on August 3, 1950 to RHineland 4-3391.

T-3 Miss EDNA POWERS, Supervisor, Associated Hospital Service, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

T-4 [REDACTED] contacted by SA ARTHUR E. DOOLEY.

T-5 [REDACTED] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-6 [REDACTED] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-7 [REDACTED] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

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T-9 [REDACTED] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-10 [REDACTED] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-11 [REDACTED] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-12 [REDACTED] contacted by SA CHARLES F. HEINER.

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 1/18/49.
Report of SA J. DONALD REED, 8/4/47, New York.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: March 25, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____
 New Playwrights Theatre, Inc. (Chairman)
 347 East 72nd Street, NYC

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Post Office, New York, N.Y. June 1951
File No. 100-15618-100 June 1951
Subject: Subversion from US residents
to Member of East German Organization

RETURN ADDRESS

Bernard Rubin

807 Riverside Drive
New York City 32
New York, U.S.A.



ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN
c/o BERLINER ENSEMBLE
LUISENSTRASSE 18
BERLIN NW 17
GERMANY

GRAND CENTRAL
STATION
NEW YORK



BARNARD RUBIN
807 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY 32
NEW YORK, USA

Dear Elizabeth:

Have not received
from you any acknowledgment of the
handy story paper.

Did it get to you?
Please let me know.

Yours.
Barney

RETURN ADDRESS

Bernard Rubin
807 Riverside Drive
New York City 32
New York, U.S.A.



ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN
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BARNARD RUBIN
807 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY 32
NEW YORK, USA

Dear Elizabeth:

Have not received
from you any acknowledgment of the
Candy Store script.

Did it get to you?
Please let me know.

Yours,
Barney

Exhibit "II", SOI, 66th CIC Det, Reg VIII
File No VIII-15816, dtd June 1952
Subject: Correspondence from US Residents
to Members of an East BERLIN Organization

ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI
COLUMBIA PICTURES
1438 North Gower Str.
Hollywood 28, Calif.

22. Mai 1952

Liebes Fraeulein Kasprowiak (Ist das richtig geschrieben?)

Sagen Sie bitte der Helli, andere Leute sind auch sehr beschaeftigt, schreiben aber zum mindesten dann, wenn sie etwas wollen! Wenn ich nicht gerade sehr beschaeftigt waere, wuerde ich mich ueber die Chuzpe aergern. Man hat immer Zeit, wenn man will; man sollte aber Zeit haben fuer eine Zeile, wenn man etwas von jemanden haben will. - Aus Ihrem Brief war leider nicht ganz klar ersichtlich, ob Helli jenes Duo Adhesive nur fuer sich, oder fuer die ganze Filmmannschaft benoetigt. In jedem Falle, hier ist eine Tube; und lassen Sie mich bitte wissen, ob Sie mehr gebrauchen. (Falls die Helli keine Zeit hat.) - Es tat mir sehr leid, von Barbara's Operation zu lesen. War es eine Nierenbecken Vereiterung, oder was sonst? Hoffentlich ist sie wiederhergestellt. Was tut sie beruflich? Hat der Brecht wirklich ein Gut in Bukow erworben? - Schoenste Gruesse an Helle, und ich warte sehnsuechtig auf die "VERSUCHE" und auch auf einen Brief.

Herzlichen Gruss Ihrer,

Erna Budzislowski

100-40033-50

WILLIAM DIETERLE
COLUMBIA PICTURES CORPORATION
1436 NO. GOWER STREET
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

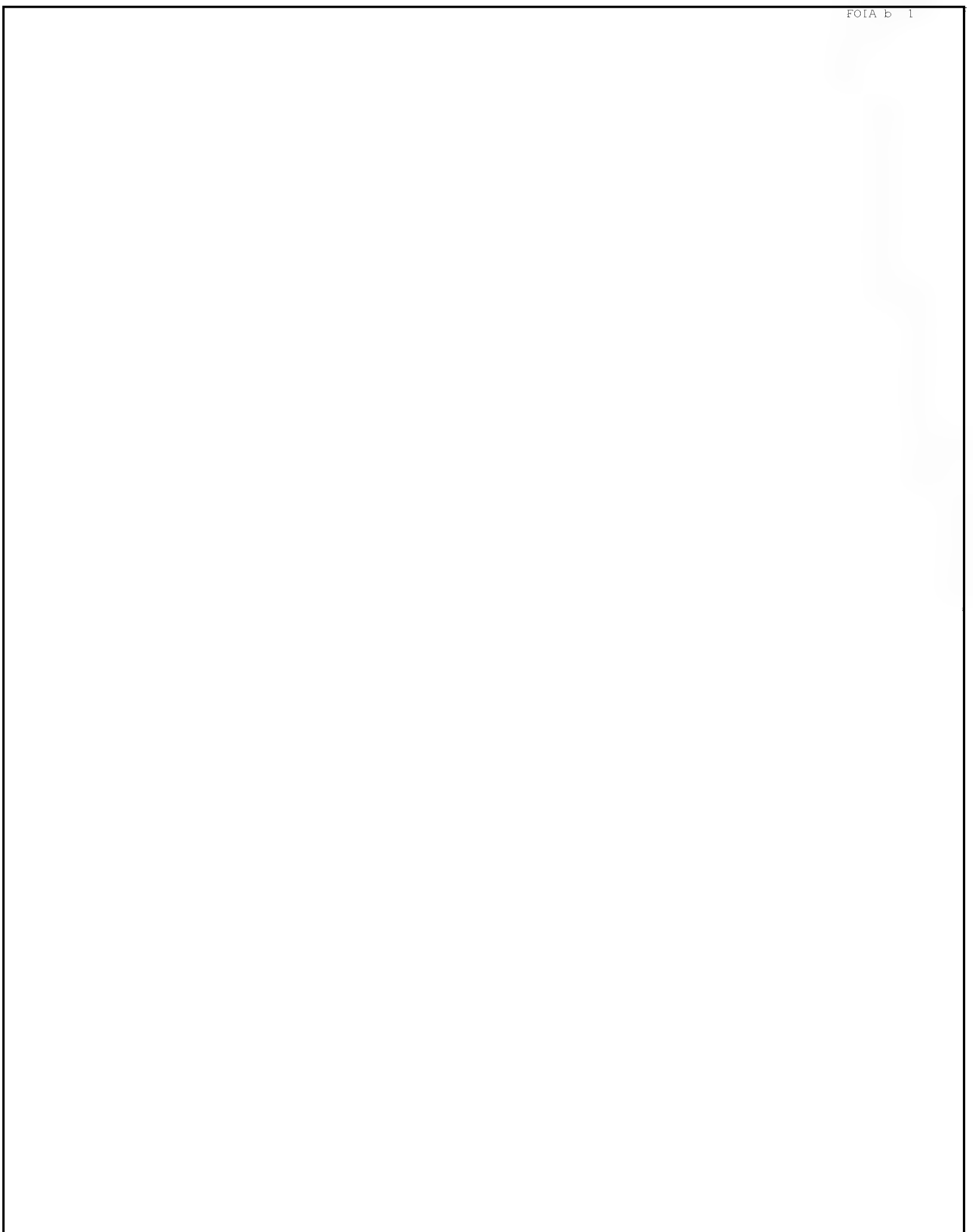
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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

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Hollywood 28, Cal.

May 22, 1952

Dear Miss KASPROWIAK (is this spelled correctly?):

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Hearty greeting,
Yours,

/S/ ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI.

x) Examiner's comment:

Possibly a woman's surname.

TRANSLATED BY:
FRIEDRICH G. NEUHAUSER: bad
September 29, 1952

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 3/3/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was;
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 807 Riverside Drive, New York, New York - Apartment 4B

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)
SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN
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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 1/25/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
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KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER RESPONSIBILITY

INTERESTED AGENCIES

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 2-B, 807 Riverside Drive

New York, New York

100-40033

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May 17, 1954

Director, FBI (100-40033)

BARNARD RUBIN, was.
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Reurlet 5-6-54, captioned "SPIA; Espionage - R."

In the enclosures to relet, Barnard Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, is listed as a current employee of Tass in New York. This individual apparently is identical with captioned subject, a former writer for the "Daily Worker," on whom your office maintains a Security Index card. New York letter (FD 122), dated 1-25-54, indicates that the subject is unemployed. You should submit FD 122 reflecting the current employment of Rubin.

Bureau files reflect that the report of SA Spurgeon C. Batten, dated 8-16-50, at New York, is the latest report submitted on the subject. You are instructed to reopen this matter in order to bring the subject's activities up to date. Upon completion of this investigation, a summary report should be submitted under the above caption.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)
SUBJECT: BERNARD RUBIN, was.
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DATE: 7/19/54

Re Bulet to NY dated 5/17/54.

Investigation of subject to bring activities up to date for submission of summary report continuing. Monitoring of Tass News Agency checking account and stationary lookout in vicinity of Tass News Agency, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, verified subject's employment with Tass News Agency as reflected on form #FD 122 submitted to the Bureau.

Extensive file review will delay summary report until 8/2/54.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 7/20/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST
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Tass News Agency

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 100-40033

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TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was; Barney Rubin, Lee Newton, Ben Ruben			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SUMMARY REPORT

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Health were checked in 1947 and reflected under Brooklyn Birth Certificate number 20552 that the subject was born on April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York and that his parents, JACOB RUBIN and ANNA LEVY RUBIN were both born in Russia. N.Y.

Education

[T-1, (c)] another government agency who maintains personnel records, advised that the subject had attended eight years of elementary school, four years of high school, two years of City College in the City of New York and one year at St. John's College, New York.

Marital Status

The records of the Bronx County Marriage License Bureau, as checked by SE GERARD M. LENAHA in March, 1953 reflect that Marriage Certificate number 32730 was issued on September 21, 1946 to BARNARD RUBIN and PEARL MILLER. The records also reflect that PEARL MILLER was born in New York City on April 3, 1915 and that her father, GABRIEL MILLER and mother, ANNA HENLIEN MILLER were both born in Russia. N.Y.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, New York reflect under Birth Certificate number 43268 that PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born on [redacted] to the subject and PEARL RUBIN. N.Y.

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[T-2, of known reliability, reported in 1941 (c)] that the subject was associated with one JEAN HILLIS, Secretary of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania but [T-2] did not know if RUBIN and HILLIS were married at that time.

T-3 and T-4, of known reliability, advised in December, 1943 that JEAN HILLIS had secretly advised that she was married to the subject and had lived with him since 1940. (c)

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[It is to be noted that in April, 1944 T-1 advised] ¹⁰
that records reflected that the subject was not married to
the JEAN HILLIS, mentioned above.

Concerning the Workers Alliance, the following
is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive
Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, pre-
pared and released by the Committee on Un-American
Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington,
D. C.:

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to
Loyalty Review Board released December
4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. A 'Communist penetrated organization.'
(Attorney General Francis Biddle,
Congressional Record, September 24, 1942,
p. 7684.)
- "3. 'Among the successes in its 'front'
movements, the Communists point to the
'Workers' Alliance of America.' It was
created in 1936 and organized 'in practically
every relief project in the country.'
It was 'apparently patterned after the
'Unemployed Councils of St. Petersburg,'
Russia, set up in 1906 as a part of the
Communist front there. As the councils
in Russia staged sit-down strikes, so
also did the Alliance stage sit-down
strikes in various State legislatures
and relief bureaus in our country.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,
Report, January 3, 1939, pp. 72-74; also
cited in Reports, January 3, 1940, p. 9;
June 25, 1942, p. 22; March 29, 1944, p. 147.)
- "4. 'The Communist Party's organization of
the unemployed.'
(California Committee on Un-American
Activities, Report, 1947, p. 307.)

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- "5. 'Organized groups of relief workers and unemployed as the Workers Alliance * * * are the creations of and controlled by the Communist Party.' The Communists organized the Workers Alliance among the ERA and WPA workers. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 78 and 310.)
- "6. Cited as 'Communist dominated.' (New York City Council Committee investigating the Municipal Civil Service Commission.)
- "7. Cited as a Communist front. (Pennsylvania Commonwealth Counsel before the reviewing board of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, January 1942.)

Military Record

(c) [T-1 advised in 1943] that the subject was known to have registered with Selective Service Local Board number 5, Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania on October 16, 1940, but had been rejected by the United States Army for physical reasons and classified 4F. [T-1] advised that on April 12, 1944 RUBIN had applied for voluntary induction and requested immediate induction on May 3, 1944. After being examined in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the subject was inducted on May 10, 1944 and ordered to report to New Cumberland, Pennsylvania Reception Center. The subject was assigned Army Serial Number 33837353.

(c) [T-5, another government agency which maintains personnel records advised on March 3, 1947] that the subject was separated from the Armed Forces on May 24, 1946.

Employment

[T-6, of known reliability, advised on May 13, 1954] (c) that a BARNARD RUBIN has been in the employ of the Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City since March 31, 1954.

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T-7, of known reliability, advised on July 15, 1954 that the subject had been working at the Tass News Agency office and the informant was of the opinion that RUBIN worked generally on the night shift at the Tass News Agency office. (S)

T-8, of known reliability, advised on December 12, 1953 and December 25, 1953 that HARRY FREEMAN, a Tass News Agency employee had been in contact with an individual named BARNEY, who T-8 believes was identical with the subject. (S) MK

It is to be noted that the Tass News Agency is the Soviet Press Agency in the United States and as such is registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act with the United States Department of Justice. (S)

[T-9] (C) of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish accurate information advised in September, 1950 that due to a cut-back in the employment on the editorial staff of the "Daily Worker," an East coast Communist newspaper, the subject was one of a group who were discharged from the "Daily Worker" at that time.

The "Daily Worker" reported on July 19, 1950 page 11, column 1 under the caption, "Militant New Theatre Group Launched Here" that the subject was the Director of a new organization known as New Playwrights, Incorporated.

T-10, of known reliability, advised that RUBIN had been employed as Director of the New Playwrights, Incorporated from its inception in 1950 but that since the closing of the play, "Big Deal" in May, 1953, RUBIN'S employment was not known to the informant as of November, 1953. (C)

T-11, of known reliability, advised in June, 1947 that the subject had been employed on the staff of the "Daily Worker" since March, 1947. (C)

[T-9] (C) previously reported that RUBIN was discharged from the staff of the "Daily Worker" in 1950.

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Mr. E. C. BRADLEY, Personnel Division, Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Connecticut advised in December, 1943 that the subject's record reflects the following past employments for the subject:

March, 1943 to December, 1943
Scovill Manufacturing Company,
Waterbury, Connecticut

April, 1942 to August, 1942
Feinstein Stationery Store,
Roosevelt Avenue, New York City

April, 1941 to April, 1942
Brilliant Steel Corporation
Temple, Pennsylvania

November, 1940 to April, 1941
Mohn Hat Factory
Chestnut Street,
Reading, Pennsylvania

1938 to 1940
Reporter for American Free Press
South Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1937 to 1938
West Bronx Peoples Book Shop
Bronx, Avenue
Bronx, New York

Prior to this the subject was abroad in
France and Spain.

Residence

T-12, of known reliability, advised on May 21, 1952 that the subject was residing at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City. (S-1) (c)

[On January 21, 1953 and June 7, 1954 T-13, (c) of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know a

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limited amount of the subject's activities advised that the subject was still residing in apartment 4A at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City.

T-14, of known reliability, advised on March 14, 1947 that the subject was then residing at 1132 Third Avenue, New York City. (C)

It is to be noted that from May, 1944 until May, 1946 [T-1] has advised that the subject was in the United States Army.

[According to T-15,] of known reliability, the subject was known to reside at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut as of April 20, 1944. (C)

Previous to this address, [T-1] advised that the subject had resided at the following residences from October 16, 1940 to May 3, 1944:

- 195 Columbia Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 197 Willow Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 122 Cook Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 347 South Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 614 North Third Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
- 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
- 614 North Third Street, Reading, Pennsylvania

ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

In an article in the "Daily Worker" dated February 15, 1949, page 10, columns 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN writes as follows concerning the subject:

"I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was a section organizer of the Communist Party in Reading, Pennsylvania, a sturdy, chunky, little guy dressed in over-large clothes he had worn back from France. I liked his hearty laugh. He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania.

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"Dispossess cases were the tag-end of the depression. He became known as 'the Communist organizer who puts people's furniture back.'"

"Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut, where he worked in a brass shop, and helped to organize the union and the Party."

"Came the war, and Barney was soon on the Pacific battlefield. I kept track of him through his mother. Soldier comrades began writing me of his work on the army paper. Someone brought me a whole series of columns he did in Japan, after victory, on the release of the Communists from prison (of which he brought me back a wonderful picture), on the trade unions, the gripes of the GI'S. It brought him into a head-on clash with General Mac Arthur."

"The editor, PETTUS, and RUBIN, as assistant, were both removed. They became heroes to the soldiers, who hated the American emperor as much as Hirohito."

It is to be noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of the thirteen Communist leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on January 11, 1953 for violation of the Conspiracy Statute of the Smith Act of 1940.

(c) T-2 advised in 1941 that the subject came to Reading, Pennsylvania in 1940 and became active in Communist Party activities by circulating petitions to place (c) Communist candidates on ballots. [According to T-2,] it was learned that the subject was circulating his petitions among an illiterate group of people who did not know they were signing Communist petitions and on instructions of the District Attorney of Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania. JAMES MARKS, the subject was arrested for violation of the Election Code and Perjury. (c) [According to T-2,] the subject was at that time living with JEAN HILLIS, an active worker in the Workers Alliance. (c) T-2 stated that at the time the subject was committed to the Berks County Prison, he refused to have his fingerprints taken, alleging violation of his Civil Rights, although T-2 stated they were subsequently obtained. (c) T-2 further advised that the subject was tried in Berks County Criminal Court, Reading, Pennsylvania in the December session of 1940 and found guilty of the two charges of Perjury and the one charge for the violation of the Election Code. (c) T-2 stated that during the course of this

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trial, the subject admitted he was a Communist.

The records of the Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania were reviewed by SA ROBERT W. CLARK, following the December session of the above court in 1940 and they reflected that the subject had stated he came to Reading, Pennsylvania from Spain, where he had fought and been wounded with the International Brigade. According to the above records, RUBIN had stated he had been a member of the Communist Party for five or six years, an official of the Party, having been elected Executive Secretary and asserted he was a candidate for Congressman on the Communist Party ticket. RUBIN also stated that while in Spain he had been cited for bravery by the International Brigade.

The "Daily Worker" for December 3, 1940, page 5, column 5 for Reading, Pennsylvania on December 2, 1940 reflected that the subject was Executive Secretary of the Communist Party in Berks County, Pennsylvania and a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

(C) [T-16, of known reliability, advised on April 29, 1953] that the subject was known to still be associated with the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

(C) [T-17, of known reliability, advised on April 8, 1944] that no record of a passport issued to BARNARD or BENJAMIN RUBIN could be located.

Concerning the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the following is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.:

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. 'In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist

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"cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 82.)

"3. Cited as a Communist-front organization 'serving the objectives of the Communist Parties in the United States and Spain. Earl Browder boasted that 'over 60 percent of the Lincoln Battalion members were members of the Communist Party.'" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 94 and 382.)

"4. Cited as a Communist front. (Pennsylvania Commonwealth Counsel before the reviewing board of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, January 1942.)"

T-18, of known reliability, advised in 1943 that a circular letter dealing with the "Rubin Brown Case" was circulated, calling for funds to meet the expenses of the defense on the above case and was signed by the Executive Secretary of the Rubin Brown Case Committee, MAX C. PUTNEY. (C) N.K.

T-19, of known reliability, advised on July 30, 1942 that SAM DARCEY, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania had asserted that the Party had been hit for various defense finances and that the defense of RUBIN had cost the Party \$800 that week in July, 1942. (C)

(C) [T-20, of known reliability, advised that on February 12, 1941] the Communist Party meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall in Reading, Pennsylvania was attended by 24 persons and the subject was chairman of the meeting.

[According to T-20,] the subject introduced PHIL FRANKFELD, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania. (C) [T-20 advised] that later in the meeting the subject spoke and asserted that the FBI and the Dies Committee were planning to outlaw the Communist Party, that they daily violated the Bill of Rights and, therefore, RUBIN had urged a joint peace movement be started.

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On December 3, 1943 District Attorney JAMES C. MARKS advised that the Congressional record for the House of Representatives reflects a speech by the Honorable GUY L. MOSER of Pennsylvania on Friday, June 16, 1939, in which Representative MOSER states that on May 11, 1939 in hearings before the Sub Committee on Appropriations, he heard sworn testimony of that committee's investigator to the effect that in a meeting of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania on May 9, a resolution was offered, discussed, and advocated by one BEN RUBENS, whose purpose was to effect adoption of his plot to resort to physical force, if necessary, to remove and take Representative MOSER from the speaker's platform if he appeared in Reading on May 13 at the Corner-stone laying of the new post office in that city. However, this investigator reported that the Alliance members agreed only to picket the ceremonies in protest at the failure of Representative MOSER to accede to their demands. According to District Attorney MARKS, the Congressional Record reflected that Representative MOSER in the House of Representatives on Thursday, November 2, 1939 stated, "Most amazing of all was the disintegration of this traditionally patriotic background in Berks County to a degree when a deserter from the Loyalist Army in Spain could boldly enter and in his Communistic environs, rationally advocate the kidnapping of the Congressman for refusal to bow to the Workers Alliance's mandates and blackmailing threats of being held personally responsible if the Congressman did not vote for the appropriation of the taxpayers' money as these racketeers and rowdies demanded."

[In April, 1941 T-21, of known reliability, ^{fc} reported that JEAN HILLIS, subject's wife, had written the subject's landlady in the latter part of 1940 to the effect that following RUBIN'S arrest in Reading, Pennsylvania for election frauds in connection with the circulation of petitions to have Communist candidates placed on the ballot, that RUBIN was deeply devoted to the cause of Communism and would go to any lengths to further its aims.

[T-22, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the subject from Berks County, Pennsylvania] ^{fc}

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(c) [advised on September 23, 1953] that the subject had succeeded one WEINER as the organizer of the Reading and Berks County Pennsylvania Communist Party. (c) T-22 stated that RUBIN, after having been arrested and tried for forging names to petitions to have the Communist Party members placed on ballots, left the Berks County area, after which T-22 did not have further contact with the subject. PA

(c) T-23, of known reliability, advised that on November 24, 1942 ANDREW ONDA, Connecticut State Organizational Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party had advised that the subject was expected at the Party office on November 25, 1942.

T-24, of known reliability, advised on December 23, 1942 that the subject was present at the Communist Party office, 9 Center Street, New Haven, Connecticut and reported on the Communist Party's progress being made in Waterbury, Connecticut. T-24 stated that the subject on this occasion had been in contact with ISADORE WOFSY, State Secretary of the Communist Party in Connecticut and ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party in Connecticut. According to T-24, on February 1, 1943 RUBIN was receiving \$25.00 a week to carry on the organizational work of the Communist Party in Waterbury, Connecticut, but had found this amount to be insufficient and necessary for him to obtain a job. (c)

(c) T-25, of known reliability, advised in September, 1943 that the subject was the Secretary of the Communist Party in Waterbury, Connecticut and while employed at the Scovill Manufacturing Company, he had attempted to disseminate Communist propaganda among the employees.

T-3 and T-4 advised in December, 1943 that RUBIN was elected as a Delegate to the Connecticut State Communist Party Convention which was to be held in Bridgeport, Connecticut on December 11 and 12, 1943. T-3 and T-4 also advised that the subject, while attending the above convention, was elected to the State Convention Resolution Committee, as well as to the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party. T-3 and T-4 stated that in January, 1944 RUBIN was elected Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party during a meeting held on January 5, 1944. T-3 further advised that from January, 1944 until April 14, 1944 the subject was known to attend only one meeting of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party and that meeting was held on April 14, 1944, when ELIZABETH GANNETT (c)

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National Recruiting Organizer for the Communist Party spoke at the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party. According to T-3, the subject advised ANDREW ONDA at this meeting of his intention to be immediately inducted into the United States Army and was reprimanded by ONDA for not advising anyone concerning that decision. (C)

T-24 advised that from January, 1943 until January, 1944 the subject had attended many meetings at the Communist Party office, 9 Center Street, New Haven, Connecticut, reporting the status of Communist Party affairs in the Waterbury, Connecticut branch. (C)

T-26, of known reliability, advised on June 15, 1954 that he had been acquainted with the subject for many years and knew RUBIN to have been a Section Organizer of the Communist Party while the subject resided at Reading, Pennsylvania. T-26 stated that he had lost contact with the subject during the early 1940s but later knew him to be working on the "Daily Worker" and other Party publications, after his discharge from the United States Army. (S)

T-27, of known reliability, advised on June 11, 1954 that he first heard of the subject as an editor of the Army publication, "Stars and Stripes" during World War II. T-27 stated he recalled how Communist Party members were amused that RUBIN, a Communist, could be editor of a United States Army magazine. According to T-27, RUBIN wrote a gossip column while employed with the "Daily Worker" and at the same time wrote stage plays with a Communist background, one of which was called "Candy Story." T-27 stated he also knew RUBIN had written articles under the pen name of "LEE NEWTON." (C)

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Subject: BARNARD RUBIN
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The report deals with correspondence from the subject, both
of whom reside in the United States, to ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN and HELENE
WEIGEL both c/o Berliner Ensemble, Luisenstrasse 18, Berlin NW 7 (Soviet
Sector/Mitte), Germany. [S-] (c)

In its cover letter forwarding this report to the Intelligence
Division, CIC stated that ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI is considered to be a relative
of HERMANN BUDZISLAWSKI who was formerly a ghost writer-secretary for
DOROTHY THOMPSON prior to his return to Germany. It was also stated by
CIC that HELENE WEIGEL BRECHT is a well-known German Communist playwright
and wife of BERT BRECHT. [S-] (c)

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T-14 advised on March 14, 1947 that various members of the "Daily Worker" staff had sent a telegram to the Secretary of Labor SCHWELLENBACH, Washington, D. C. which stated that as members of the "Daily Worker" staff and being Communists, as well as war veterans, "we append our serial numbers and war records." According to T-14, they stated they wanted to know if their rights as American citizens would be denied. T-14 stated that in regards to the subject, the telegram reflected that the subject had been attached to the 169th Regiment Combat Team, 43rd Infantry Division, had fought in New Guinea and Luzon and had been awarded the Bronze Star (c)

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 8, 1947 reported that 500 Communist war veterans would meet in the Capitol on that date for their first annual Communist Veterans Encampment meeting and would be accompanied by a "Daily Worker" staff of nine veterans to cover the meeting, one of whom was the subject.

T-28, of known reliability, advised on February 14, 1947 that the subject had been present to greet the guests at a cocktail party held on February 2, 1947 at the Henry Forbes Section of the Communist Party (c)

T-29, of known reliability, advised on April 26, 1938 that a meeting was held on March 23, 1948 at the Hotel Astor, New York City which was attended by 1,000 writers, artists and actors, who had assembled to hear ALBERT MALTZ speak on: "The American Artist and the American Freedom Tradition." According to T-29, the subject was present at this meeting and had stated that an anti-censorship committee was formed to carry out a strong campaign on a national scale against the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Tenney Committee of California and to fight against the DEWEY plan of establishing a similar committee in New York State. RUBIN stated that ALBERT MALTZ would be the Communist Party link with the anti-censorship committee. According to T-29, ALBERT MALTZ was a Hollywood writer who had been in contempt of the House on Un-American Activities Committee. (c) N.Y.

T-11 advised on April 14, 1950 that the subject had been invited to the Polish Information Service to hear (c)

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CZESLOWMILOWSY of the Polish Embassy in Washington, D. C. speak on the subject, "The Writer in Present Day Poland."

It is to be noted that the Polish Research and Information Service, formerly located at 350 West 57th Street, New York City was a Polish information agency which was registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Act with the Department of Justice and on August 11, 1951 the "New York Herald Tribune" in an article by JAMES E. WARNER reported that the United States Government on August 9, 1951 had ordered the closing of the local Polish Research Information office in retaliation for the closing of the United States Information Service in Warsaw.

(C) [On August 18, 1951 T-30] of unknown reliability, but who stated she was acquainted with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, previously mentioned, advised that she had been in touch with ELIZABETH FLYNN at which time ELIZABETH FLYNN stated that four of the convicted Communists who jumped bail had hidden at BARNARD RUBIN'S place on Third Avenue. (C) According to T-30, FLYNN had stated that the subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON and a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

It is to be noted that ROBERT GEORGE THOMPSON was a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA and indicted on July 20, 1948 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and convicted on October 14, 1949 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. He was sentenced on October 21, 1949 to three years imprisonment and fined \$10,000. He was released on bail November 3, 1949 and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued on July 2, 1951. THOMPSON was located at Twainharte, California on July 27, 1953, found guilty of contempt charges December 16, 1953 and sentenced an additional four years. He is presently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

(C) [T-31, of known reliability, advised on July 22, 1948] that the subject had returned from his vacation early, after having been notified of the emergency occasioned by the arrest of 12 members of the Communist Party National Committee.

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On June 30, 1950 T-11 advised that as of that date the subject was still a member of the Communist Party. (c)

(c) [T-32 of known reliability advised on June 23, 1953] that the subject had attended a general membership meeting of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated held on June 17, 1953.

It is to be noted that the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee, Report number 1954, April 19, 1949.

"Daily Worker" Writings and Speeches by
BARNARD RUBIN

The subject's writings in the "Daily Worker" since October 28, 1947 reveal that considerable space was devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American foreign policy and Capitalist culture.

The "Daily Worker" of November 27, 1947, page 16, column 4 carried a column by the subject in which he denounces the FBI. He states that the FBI, in an attempt to frame up a big spy scare, follows an anti-Semitic line in its investigations.

The "Daily Worker" of September 5, 1948, page 13, column 1 carried an article by the subject in which he denounces ARTHUR BLISS LANE, former United States Ambassador to Poland, for what the subject calls outrageous lies against the new Polish republic.

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The "Daily Worker" of January 4, 1949, page 13, column 1 carries an article by the subject in which he states, "The newest and possibly vilest outbreak of anti-liberal and anti-Communist slanders will begin January 23, when the ravings of ROBERT E. STRIPLING, who has just resigned as chief investigator for the Un-American Committee, will be syndicated in many newspapers."

The "Daily Worker" of March 25, 1949, page 13, column 1 reflects an article by the subject in which he condemns capitalist culture and states "The American workers' and people's desire for peace coincides with the Soviet Union's desire for peace as opposed to Big

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Money's drive for war. So, too, does the necessity for our people to struggle against the race-baiting, war instigating and anti-working class culture that the Big Money institutions are feeding us coincide with the Soviet Union's fight against that same culture. The same profiteers who run the war-inciting politicians and brass here are also running the cultural show."

In the same article, the subject continues: "It's capitalist culture, all right, and its main body, its main drive is, therefore, directed against the interests of the workers and the people; Capitalism's culture today is one of the main and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women."

The "Daily Worker" of September 14, 1949, page 12, column 1, carries an article by the subject in which he continues to attack what he calls "capitalist culture."

The "Daily Worker" of May 15, 1950 also carries an article by the subject in which he continues to attack "capitalist culture."

T-3 advised on September 29, 1943 that the subject had given a speech on "The Future of the Unions" at the meeting of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party on the above date at 100 North Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut (C)

The "Daily Worker" for February 2, 1947 announces that the subject would speak on the subject "The Betrayal of Japan" at the Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue on February 2, 1947.

On January 5, 1950, page 11, column 2, the "Daily Worker" announces that BARNARD RUBIN will present an original paper on "The Soviet Art Criticisms and the Fight For Man" on January 8, 1950. The same article goes on to say that "Rubin, cultural editor and drama critic of the Daily Worker is being presented in a series of Sunday lectures on the "Cultural Front."

The "Daily Worker" of January 6, 1950 reflects in an article that the above lecture to be presented by the subject would be chaired by HOWARD FAST.

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(c) It is to be noted that T-33, of known reliability, advised on December 14, 1950 that HOWARD FAST was a member of the Cultural Division of the New York Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker" for January 22, 1950, page 9, column 5 states that RUBIN will present the second lecture, sponsored by the "Daily Worker" on the subject of "Social Realism."

T-11 advised on September 8, 1950 that a forum to be sponsored by the "New Foundations" was to feature BARNARD RUBIN discussing "Soviet Realism in the Arts." (c)

On March 2, 1951 the "Daily Worker", page 11, column 1 reflects that the subject's play, "Candy Story," would be presented that night by the New Playwrights, Incorporated.

T-34, of known reliability, advised in March, 1951 that the subject's play "Candy Story" was a lower east side melodrama, dealing with social and labor problems and did not try to disguise the fact that it is a leftist play for leftist groups. T-34 stated that some parts of RUBIN'S play are filled with insulting remarks about the President, Wall Street and Big Business, and has Communist propaganda injected throughout (c)

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1, under the caption, "Militant New Theatre Group Launched Here" reported that the subject, being the director of a new organization known as New Playwrights, Incorporated had stated, "Let me tell you immediately that we didn't stumble into this. Ideological discussions last year convinced us of the work to be done and the welcome it would receive." The same article continues that "The plans and program of New Playwrights make it the most important cultural development of the last few years. Dedicated to a plan of continuous production, the group is out to build up a theater culture that will express the aspirations of the people and fight the decadent culture of imperialism."

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1 and the issue of August 6, 1950, section 2, page 6, column 1 reported that the New Playwrights, Incorporated grew out of the play, "Longitude 49," which was written by

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HERB TANK. The article alleged that "Longitude 49" had been rejected by every New York director and as a result, it was decided to form a special company to produce the play.

It is to be noted that T-35, of known reliability, advised on April 25, 1947 that HERB TANK was a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party (C)

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1 announced the production of the play "The Hammer," written by HOWARD FAST, who has been previously mentioned.

T-10 advised in November, 1953 that the New Playwrights, Incorporated had not been active since the closing of the play, "Big Deal" in May, 1953. (C)

The "Daily Worker" for January 23, 1953, page 7, column 2, reports that the Jefferson School Friday evening cultural program would present a discussion on January 23, 1953 during which time BARNARD RUBIN would read excerpts and describe his play, "Candy Story."

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-10 advised in November, 1953 that the subject was again writing and contributing material to the "Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," and had written a series of articles, commenting on television. T-10 stated that the subject was writing under a pen name, which he could recall only as "LEE - -". (C)

T-27 advised on June 11, 1954 that the subject was writing articles for Communist Party publications under the pen name of LEE NEWTON. (C)

[T-2 advised that on March 10, 1942] a large quantity of Communistic literature was confiscated by the Pennsylvania Motor Police from a former residence of the subject, 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. (C) [According to T-2,] the following is a list of pamphlets and books which were confiscated and turned over to the Quartermaster of the Pennsylvania Police Troopers:

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The following is a list of the pamphlets, as given by name and authors:

"Free Earl Browder" by ROBERT MINOR
"May Day 1941" by I. AMTER
"Save Your Union" by LOUIS F. BUDENZ
"An American Foreign Policy for Peace" by EARL BROWDER
"Old Jim Crow Has Got To Go" by HENRY WINSTON
"Earl Browder Says" by EARL BROWDER
"What Do You Read?" by ALAN MAX
"Turning Point For The World" by R. PALME DUTT
"Victory Will Be Ours" by JOSEPH STALIN
"What's What About the War" "Questions and Answers"
by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
"The Constitution of the Communist Party of the
United States of America"
"Communism vs. Fascism" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
"Communism and Culture" by EARL BROWDER
"The Communist Party of the U.S.A. Its History,
Role and Organization" by EARL BROWDER
"Stalin Speaks to the World"
"The United States and the Soviet Union"
by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
"Soviet Foreign Relations" by V. M. MOLOTOV
"Trends in the Labor Movement" by ROY HUDSON
"Foundations of Leninism" by JOSEPH STALIN
"The War Crisis" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The following is a list of single books, also by name and author:

"Imperialism" by V. I. LENIN
"War and the People" by K. POLLARD
"Women and Society" by V. I. LENIN
"The Communist" July 1941 issue, by authors,
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK JOHNSTONE, HENRY WINSTON,
ERIK BERT & FRANK MEYER and ROBERT STRONG.
"An Outline History of the United States"
published by Barnes & Noble, Incorporated, New
York
"Marx and the Trade Unions" by A. LOZOVSKY
"Engels on Capital" by the Marxist Library

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"An Outline of Political Science" Barnes & Noble, Incorporated, New York
 "An American Testament" by JOSEPH FREEMAN
 "The Case of the Anti-Soviet Bloc of Rights and Trotskyites" from the records of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR, Moscow, March, 1938
 "Anti-Duehring" by FREDERICK ENGELS
 "Marx-Engels-Marxism" by V. I. LENIN
 "Fascism and Social Revolution" by R. PALME DUTT
 "The Negro and the Democratic Front" by FORD

T-11 furnished information on October 12, 1948 which indicated that the subject was the recipient of the "UE News" issue. (C)

It is to be noted that T-33 has advised in 1950 (C) that the "UE News", published by the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, is controlled almost one hundred percent by the Communist Party.

T-11 furnished information on April 8, 1949 which reflected that the subject had often received the "USSR Information Bulletin." (C)

It is to be noted that the "USSR Information Bulletin" was published twice monthly by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Embassy, 2112 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest Washington, D. C. until the State Department ordered cessation of the publication in July, 1952. (C)

Miscellaneous

The election records of the Borough of Manhattan were checked on June 10, 1954 by SA THOMAS J. MC GUIRE and they reflected that the subject and his wife, PEARL RUBIN, were residing at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City and in 1953 they had registered a preference for the American Labor Party.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.:

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- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp.40 and 41.)"

T-12 advised on June 13, 1952 that the subject had been in contact with one ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN at the Berliner Ensemble, Luisenstvasse, Berlin concerning his play, "Candy Story," but T-12 could not furnish any additional information relative to ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN. (S-1) (C) GERMANY

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department were checked in June, 1954 but did not reflect any information not previously reported.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, furnished to SE RICHARD F. O'HARA by EVELYN SBARRA, did not contain any information relative to the subject.

T-36 and T-37, both of known reliability, who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York City area could furnish no information relative to the subject. (C)

Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from background record checks [and from T-7:] (C)

Name	BARNARD RUBIN
Aliases	BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON BEN RUBEN
Age	39 ¹⁹⁰³
Born	April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York

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Residence 807 Riverside Drive,
New York City,
apartment 4A
Height 5'5"
Weight 186 pounds
Build Stocky
Hair Black
Complexion Ruddy
Occupation Employee of Tass News Agency
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City
Marital Status Married, wife PEARL RUBIN, nee:
PEARL MILLER
Immediate Relatives Child: PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN,
born [REDACTED] FOIA b 6
Father, JACOB RUBIN
born in Russia
Mother, ANNA LEVY RUBIN
born in Russia
Brother, SAUL RUBIN
Arrest Record Subject arrested at Berks County,
Pennsylvania August 28, 1940
on charges of Perjury and
violation of Election Code.
Subject found guilty in
December, 1940 session Berks
County Criminal Court on above
two charges. On July 2, 1941
subject sentenced to one year
on one charge of Perjury but
Election Code violation dis-
missed.
Verdict: Sustained by Superior
Court of Pennsylvania and
appealed to Supreme Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
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T-1 RAY E. GODSHALL Chief Clerk, Selective Service LB No. 5, Berks County, Pa.	Background Education Selective Service 1940 Former Residences	11/2/43 11/2/43	SA ROBERT E. REDINGTON SA ROBERT E. REDINGTON "	PH 100-386 PH 100-386 "
T-2 Private L.L. LUCAS, Penn. Motor Police report dated 9/14/40.	Association with DEAN HILLIS	11/12/41	W.R. LORRY	PH 100-386
T-3 FOIA b 7 - D	Marital Background, 12/11/43 12/8/43 (elected State CP Delegate) 1/44 (Waterbury, Conn. CP Labor Chairman) 1/44-4/44 (attendance at CP meetings)	12/15/43 12/8/43 1/44		
T-4	Marital Background 12/11/43 12/8/43 (Elected State CP Conn. Delegate) 1/44 - 4/44 (attendance at CP meetings)	12/15/43 12/8/43 1/44		
T-5 Miss BESSIE WILSON Chief Clerk, LB #5 Selective Service Reading, Pa.	Military Separation, 1946	3/3/47	PH Agent 1947	PH 100-386

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T-6 [redacted] Chase Nat. Bank 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Employment 3/31/54	5/3/54	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	100-60713 (c)
T-7 Stationery Look-out Plant, Vicinity of Tass. News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Employment 7/15/54	7/15/54	SA PHILLIP CEASE	100-60713 Sub A file (c)
T-8 [redacted] (A)	12/12/53	12/12/53 (S)		
T-9 [redacted] DW employee	"Daily Worker" employment.	9/12/50	SA THORTON M. WOOD	97-169
T-10 [redacted]	Employment with "New Playwrights Inc.", 5/53, "The Worker" in 1953	11/13/53	" FOTA (b) [redacted]	
T-11 [redacted]	Employment 6/47	6/2/47	SAS W.W. LYNCH, S.W. JENNINGS	100-48274- 1A3
	Visit to Polish Info Service	4/14/50	H.P. LARSON SE A.E. FALLEN	100-48274-1A12
	CP Membership 1950	6/30/50	SA H.P. LARSON J.A. LEE	100-85800 1B 7690

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T-11 (cont'd) [redacted]	Forum discussion by subject sponsored by "New Foundations" 9/10/50	9/8/50	SA H. P. LARSON SA S. W. JENNINGS	100-88005-1B18
	UE News Subscriber 7/28	10/12/48	SA WILLIAM S. TAVEL	100-13644
	USSR Info Bulletin 4/49	4/8/49	SA H.P. LARSON SA T. O'CONNOR	100-48274
T-12 66th CIC Detachment Region VIII	Residence 6/13/52		Photostatic copy of report dated 6/13/52 forward to NYO by routing slip (no date)	100-48274- (5-12)
T-13 [redacted] Riverside Dr., NYC	Residence 1/21/53 6/7/54	same	SA'S W.K. BREUEL and JAMES C. FLYNN	100-48274
T-14 [redacted]	Former Residence 3/14/47 Telegram to Sec. of Labor, 3/14/47	3/14/47 "	SA CHARLES F. HEINER "	" 100-97169
T-15 [redacted] U.S. Post Office Waterbury, Conn.	Former Residence 4/1944	4/24/44	NH agent	NH 100-6545
T-16 JOSEPH WALTERS Correspondence Clerk, General Post Office, NYC	VALB Activity, Mailing list 4/1953	4/29/53	SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY SA ALAN W. MURDOCK	100-2545-2346A

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T-17 Confidential U.S. Dept. of Nat. Defense State [redacted]	Passport check 4/19/44	4/20/44	SA J. PHILLIP O'BRIEN	WFO 100- 15853
T-18 [redacted]	CP defense of RUBIN's 1940 trial	7/30/42		
T-20 SAS FRANCIS E. WRIGHT and HARFER (FNU)	CP meeting attendance in 2/21/41, Reading, Pa.	2/12/41	Same	PH 100-386
T-21 Associate of Federal Works subject, Agency, Report JEAN HILLIS dated 4/20/41		7/20/41	Not recorded	NH 100-6545
T-22 [redacted] Former CP member in Berks County, Pa.	Activity in Berks County CP 1940	9/13/53	SAS MAHLON J. PRICE WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS	PH 100- 18646
T-23 SA GLENN J. MC DONOUGH	CP meeting Waterbury, Conn. 11/25/42		11/29/42	NH 100-6545
T-24 [redacted]	Attendance at CP meeting Waterbury, Conn. December 1942	12/23/42	SA LOREN P. SWAYHE	NH 100-6545
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T-24 (cont'd) [redacted]	Subject's attendance at CP meetings from 1/1943 to 1/1944	1/43- 1/44		
T-25 ONI, N.H. area	CP activity at Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury Conn.	9/23/43	N.H. office	NH 100-6545
T-26 [redacted]	General CP activity since 1940	6/15/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	[redacted]
	CP activity and writings under pen name "LEE NEWTON"	6/11/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	[redacted]
	Attendance at HENRY FORBES CP party, 2/2/47	2/14/47	SA HERBERT P. LARSON	100-48274
	Subject's attendance at meeting 3/23/48 to form anti-censorship committee	4/26/48	SA CHARLES F. HEINER	100-88297
T-30 JOSEPHINE TRUSLOV ADAMS Suffern, N.Y.	Subject's connection with convicted CP members	8/18/51	SA WESLEY T. WHALEY	100-105699
T-31 [redacted]	Activity 7/1948	7/22/48	SA ARTHUR E. DOOLEY	100-48274
	Subject's attendance at Nat. Council Arts, Sciences, Profession, 6/17/53	6/23/53	SA WILLIAM R. SCHLARMAN	[redacted]

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Subject's play, "Candy Story"	3/11/51	SA FRANK R. LONGO	105-914-865
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Documentation of HERB TANK

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SA ARTHUR
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New York will submit amended pages upon receipt of information from New Haven and Philadelphia offices for complete documentation of T-18, T-19 and T-21 used in report. St. Louis has also been requested to furnish information from a review of subject's army record.

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Bureau letter to New York, 5/17/54.

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TO : Director; FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 8/17/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
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Re summary report of SA ROBERT E. MC KELVIE at New York, dated 8/17/54, captioned as above and 5 copies of which are enclosed.

T-7, in above rerep, has advised that RUBIN is employed at Tass News Agency and most generally arrives at Tass at approximately 7:00 p.m., but T-7, could not furnish any information concerning the exact nature of the subject's work. (S)

It is to be noted that relative to the column written by the subject, while he was employed by the "Daily Worker", which was entitled "Broadway Beat", RUBIN had made the following remarks in the issue for 1/13/47. Quoting RUBIN, "Is the reason behind WALTER WINCHELL'S propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. EDGAR HOOVER for President the fact that HOOVER has a secret dossier on WINCHELL a mile long--including some particularly nasty items?". He continues by saying "This incidentally, is a common practice of the FBI Chief." The remainder of this column follows the above type writing.

In the "Daily Worker" for 4/7/47, in the same above column writes, "J. EDGAR HOOVER is pulling all of his FBI boys out of anti-semitic and fascist organizations." On 11/27/47, RUBIN begins his column with, "Most of the newspaper stories dealing with the FBI'S attempts to frame up a big spy scare have neglected to mention one feature of the activities of the boys under the publicity-mad J. EDGAR HOOVER-- the anti-semitic line all of them follow in their 'investigations' as if they were briefed from above."

As pointed out in above report, RUBIN wrote many articles dealing with the theatre and culture, and making statements against "capitalism" and "big business".

In view of the fact that the subject's employment has been determined and his activities brought up to date, this case is being closed.

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BARNARD RUBIN, was
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Rerep SA Robert E. McKelvie dated 8-17-54
at New York, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for
WFO.

As noted in rerep, captioned subject has been
employed at the New York office of Tass since 3-31-54.
WFO should check the records of the Foreign Agents
Registration Section of the Department to determine
whether Rubin is registered as an agent of the Soviet
Government and whether he is listed in the registration
statements or supplements thereto filed by Tass. All
pertinent details from these records should be incor-
porated into a report on the subject. New York should
maintain this investigation in a pending status until
the results of the WFO check of the Foreign Agents
Registration Section records have been reviewed for
the purpose of determining whether there is any
question of a violation of the Foreign Agents
Registration Act. (S)

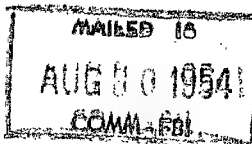
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
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DATE: 9/24/54

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Re Summary Report of SA ROBERT E. McKELVIE dated 8/17/54, at NY, captioned as above.

Enclosed are four copies of amended page ²⁷~~24~~ of above referenced Summary Report which reflects the correct documentation of T-18, T-19 and T-21, of above referenced Summary Report.

WFO is being furnished one amended page ²⁷~~24~~ since the Bureau has furnished a copy of above report to WFO.

NYO is in possession of information received from St. Louis as a result of a review of the subject's Army record. In view of the fact that NYO has been requested to maintain this investigation in a pending status until the results of WFO check of the Foreign Agents Registration Section has been completed, the subject's Army service record information will be submitted in the next NYO report.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/29/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/29;10/12, 19/54	REPORT MADE BY PATRICK M. RICE RMR
TITLE BARNARD RUBIN, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, reflect BARNARD RUBIN, 807 Riverside Drive, NYC, is listed as a Teletypist for Tass at New York in the Supplemental Registration Statement filed by Tass April 30, 1954, for a six months' period ending March 31, 1954. No other record of BARNARD RUBIN in Foreign Agents Registration Section files.

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REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 11/8/54
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BY glano

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. U. ELDRED checked the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, for the names BARNARD RUBIN, was. BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON, and BEN RUBIN. The only record found was in a Supplemental Registration Statement, Registration #464, filed by the New York Bureau of the Telegraph Agency of the USSR (Tass), which covered the sub-bureau of this organization in Washington, D. C., as well as their New York office at 50 Rockefeller Plaza. This statement was filed on April 30, 1954, for the six months' period ending March 31, 1954, and listed BARNARD RUBIN, 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, as a Teletypist in the New York Division of Tass. The date of his employment and other details were not set forth.

It is noted RUBIN's name appeared along with several other names in this statement, and IVAN I. BEGLOV, who filed the statement

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for Tass, stated that they were not filing exhibit A forms for RUBIN and several others because they were clerical and non-discretionary employees who were not engaged in writing, speaking, organizational, or other public or political activities on behalf of Tass. Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Foreign Agents Registration Section contained no other record on RUBIN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 30, 1954, requesting
WFO to review records of Foreign Agents Registration
Section.

TO : Director, FBI (100-183386)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-60713)
SUBJECT: TASS NEWS AGENCY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: 11/12/54

Rebulets 8/20/54 and 11/1/54, and NYlet 10/20/54.

Bulet 11/1/54 instructs New York to submit every 30 days, beginning 11/15/54, in letter form under Tass caption, the following data relative to the 12 Tass employees named in Bulet 8/20/54: (1) Name of employee on whom investigation is pending; (2) The approximate date, in each case, by which the Bureau can expect a letter, under individual case caption, containing recommendations relative to interview of subject.

Pursuant thereto, the following data are submitted:

Cases in Pending Status	File Numbers		Date by which Bureau can Expect Letter re Interview of Subject
	New York	Bureau	
JESSIE HARRIS	105-3324	105-17204	11/29/54
CHARLES ZIMMERMAN	105-6784	100-409196	12/6/54
BERNARD RUBIN	100-48274	100-40033	12/13/54
HARRY FISHER	100-81891	100-351233	12/20/54
ESTHER SHIELDS	100-82073	100-350323	12/27/54
EMILIO DELGADO-RODRIGUEZ	100-58546	100-290205	12/27/54
ALISON BURROUGHS	100-80215	100-344951	12/27/54
JEROME KLEIN	100-79788	100-366615	12/27/54
HAYS JONES	100-10089	100-188597	12/27/54
RUTH FISHER	100-59425	100-264303	12/27/54
SASHA SMALL LURIE	100-24681	100-105052	12/27/54
RUDOLF ISRAEL	105-3325	105-17554	12/27/54

As investigation to obtain the information desired in these cases has not been completed as yet, the earliest date by which a letter may be expected in any of the cases has been set as November 29th, as is indicated for the JESSIE HARRIS case.

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Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was
IS - R

DATE: 12/10/54

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated 8/20/54, captioned "TASS NEWS AGENCY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R" instructing the NYO to review files regarding twelve of the American employees at Tass News Agency in order that recommendations can be made relative to an interview with each of these individuals.

A review of the case file concerning BARNARD RUBIN, reflected the following:

BARNARD RUBIN was born on 4/7/23 in Brooklyn, NY, and his parents are JACOB RUBIN and ANNA LEVY RUBIN, both born in Russia.

Investigation reflects BARNARD RUBIN married PEARL MILLER on 9/21/46 and that they have one child, PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN born on [redacted]. Informants advised during December 1943 that RUBIN was married to JEAN HILLIS, Secretary of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania, and had lived with her since 1940.

On 4/12/44 subject applied for voluntary induction into the Armed Forces and on 5/3/44, requested immediate induction. Subject entered the US Army on 5/10/44 and was honorably discharged on 5/24/46.

According to records of the Adjutant General's Office, Dept. of the Army, the subject was employed from 1939 to January 1942 as Secretary of the Communist Party in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. These records further reflect that RUBIN also held a First Lieutenant rating with Spanish Loyalist Forces and served as morale line Lieutenant for one year (1938) in the infantry. He was also a member of the International Brigade.

Investigation reflects RUBIN was employed on the staff of the "Daily Worker" from March, 1947 to September, 1950.

- 1 - Bureau (100-183386) (TASS NEWS AGENCY)
- 1 - New York (100-60713) (TASS NEWS AGENCY)
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NY - 100-48274

Further that RUBIN was employed as Director of the New Playwrights, Inc. from 1950 until May 1953 at which time the play "Big Deal" closed. Informants advise that RUBIN has been employed by Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, since November 1953 as a teletypist.

As a result of a monthly monitoring of Tass News Agency bank account at the Chase National Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, it was determined that during the period 11/10/53 to 8/25/54 RUBIN received biweekly checks in the amount of \$137.24; that for the period 9/10/54 to present the amount was \$151.35.

On 11/30/54 Mr. CHARLES FUHRMAN, Assistant Manager, Harlem Savings Bank, New York City, advised that the subject has two savings accounts, one under the name of BARNARD and PEARL RUBIN and another for the subject's daughter PHYLLIS. Mr. FUHRMAN stated that the present balances of these accounts are \$172.24 and \$182.53 respectively.

Investigation reflects ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was acquainted with the subject since 1937. Subject was also active in the CP activities in 1940 by circulating petitions to place Communist candidates on ballots in Reading, Pennsylvania. Subject was arrested for violation of the Election Code and Perjury and in December 1940 was found guilty of two counts of Perjury and one charge of violation of the Election Code in Berks County Criminal Court, Reading, Pennsylvania. During the course of this trial, the subject stated he came to Reading, Pennsylvania from Spain where he fought with the International Brigade. Subject also stated he had been a member of the CP for five or six years, an official of the Party, having been elected Executive Secretary and asserted that he was a candidate for Congressman on the Communist Party ticket. Subject was CP organizer in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1940, and Waterbury, Connecticut in 1943 and 1944; CP Delegate to CP Convention in Connecticut in 1943 and member of CP Executive Committee during that period. Subject

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was feature writer on "Daily Worker" from 1947 through 1950.

It is to be noted that relative to the column written by the subject, while he was employed by the "Daily Worker", which was entitled "Broadway Beat", RUBIN made the following remarks in the issue for 1/13/47, "Is the reason behind WALTER WINCHELL'S propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. EDGAR HOOVER for President, the fact that HOOVER has a secret dossier on WINCHELL a mile long - - including some particularly nasty items"? RUBIN continued by saying "This incidentally, is a common practice of the FBI Chief". Further in the "Daily Worker" for 4/7/47, in the same column RUBIN writes J. EDGAR HOOVER is pulling all of his FBI boys out of anti-semitic and fascist organizations". On 11/27/47, RUBIN begins his column with, "Most of the newspaper stories dealing with the FBI's attempts to frame up a big spy scare have neglected to mention one feature of the activities of the boys under the publicity-mad J. EDGAR HOOVER - - the anti-semitic line all of them follow in their 'investigations' as if as if they were briefed from above."

Investigation further reflects that the subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON, convicted CP member and that on one occasion RUBIN was reported to have hidden four of the convicted Communists at his residence on Third Ave. in NYC. Subject was the Director of New Playwrights, Inc. which operated from June 1950 to May 1953 and sponsored productions with Communist background, including the subject's play "Candy Store". Subject was reported to be writing for "Daily Worker" again in 1953 under the pen name of LEE NEWTON. Subject attended a general membership meeting of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Inc. held during June 1953. Subject was reported to be writing articles for Communist Party publications under pen name of LEE NEWTON as of June 1954.

A review of the file regarding BARNARD RUBIN reveals no evidence of dissatisfaction with his employment at Tass News Agency.

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It is noted that the subject has a long time participation in Communist Party activities. There are no indications that he has severed connections with the Party or that he is not in sympathy with its objectives at the present time. There is no information available which would indicate that he would be receptive to an approach by agents to solicit his cooperation. On the contrary, his vicious, untruthful attacks on the Director and the FBI reflect a state of mind, which, in the event he were approached by Bureau Agents, would result in renewed attacks in an attempt to embarrass the Bureau. He appears to be the type of person who would take advantage of any opportunity to cause difficulty for the Bureau and its representatives.

In view of the aforementioned the NYO does not recommend that RUBIN be approached for interview.
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4/13/55, NEW YORK

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TASS NEWS AGENCY; IS - R. [REDACTED] ADVISED ON 4/12/55
THAT DURING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RUTH
FISHER AND PEGGY ROSS, WIFE OF HARRY ROSS, A TASS EMPLOYEE,
IT WAS MENTIONED THAT HARRY ROSS, PAUL A. BURNS, ALISON
BURROUGHS, AND BARNARD RUBIN WERE BEING DISMISSED BY TASS.
FISHER MENTIONED DURING THE CONVERSATION THAT THE ACTION
CAME SUDDENLY, THAT HARRY FREEMAN WAS VERY UPSET OVER THE
DISMISSALS AND SHE DID NOT SEE HOW THE TASS OFFICE IN NYC
COULD STAY OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. FISHER STATED THAT
THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE

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 (1 - 100-344951) (BURROUGHS)
 (1 - 101-6727) (ROSS)
 (1 - 100-40033) (RUBIN)
 (1 - 100-355679) (MONTGOMERY)
2 - WASHINGTON FIELD (100-17076) (TASS)
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SELECTED FOR DISMISSAL WAS NOT KNOWN, PROBABLY NOT EVEN TO IVAN I. BSGLOV, HEAD OF TASS, BUT THAT SHE THOUGHT THE SELECTION WAS MADE AT THE MAIN OFFICE OVERSEAS. THE INFORMANT ADVISED THAT LATER THE SAME DAY DURING A CONVERSATION WITH HER HUSBAND, RUTH FISHER STATED THAT SHE HAD "JUST GOT ANOTHER ONE" WHICH SHE WOULD TELL HIM ABOUT WHEN SHE ARRIVED HOME. WHEN ASKED FOR THE INITIAL OF THE PERSON RUTH FISHER STATED "WASH". IT IS BELIEVED "WASH" MAY REFER TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TASS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., PROBABLY JEAN MONTGOMERY. THE INFORMANT ADVISED ON 4/13/55 THAT IN A CONVERSATION WITH HARRY ROSS, RUTH FISHER STATED THAT THE DISMISSALS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY WERE ONLY THE BEGINNING AND THAT OTHERS WERE GOING TO GO IN NY AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON. NO NAMES WERE MENTIONED BUT FISHER SAID SOMEONE FROM THE COMMERCIAL SECTION IN NY WAS GOING TO GO. WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE MEANT BY SAYING IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING FISHER STATED "WELL I HAVE A FEELING THAT IT, THE TENDENCY OR TEND, IS PROBABLY TOWARD THE PRE-WAR OFFICE", AND THAT IT IS "ONLY A

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MATTER OF TIME". NO MENTION WAS MADE AS TO THE DATE THE
DISMISSALS WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE OR THE TERMS OF THE
DISMISSALS BUT IT WAS INDICATED A LIBERAL SEPARATION BONUS
WOULD BE GIVEN. FURTHER INFO RE THIS MATTER SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE TO THE WFO FROM [REDACTED] THE ABOVE IS FOR THE
INFO OF THE BUREAU AND THE NYO WILL KEEP THE BUREAU AND
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SAC, NEW YORK (Orig. & 1)

TASS NEWS AGENCY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REURAIRTELS 4/13/55 AND 4/20/55. BUREAU NOTES THAT HARRY ROSS, PAUL BURNS, AND ALISON BUNROUGHS WERE APPROACHED BY YOUR OFFICE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY THE PAST YEAR AND ALL HOSTILE AND UNCOOPERATIVE. IN VIEW OF RESULTS OF THESE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING INVESTIGATIONS TO DATE, BUREAU DOES NOT BELIEVE FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO APPROACH ROSS, BURNS, OR BUNROUGHS WARRANTED ON BASIS THEIR RECENT DISMISSALS FROM TASS. IN DECEMBER, 1954, BUREAU APPROVED YOUR RECOMMENDATION AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO APPROACH BARNARD RUBIN. AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING RUBIN INDICATES INTERVIEW WITH HIM UNADVISABLE DESPITE HIS DISMISSAL FROM TASS. CLOSELY FOLLOW SITUATION INVOLVING DISMISSALS OF TASS AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND ADVISE BUREAU PROMPTLY ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. IF YOU BELIEVE INTERVIEWS OR REINTERVIEWS WITH ANY OF THE DISMISSED EMPLOYEES REFERRED TO ABOVE APPEAR DESIRABLE, SUBMIT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS. BUREAU WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED.

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NOTE:

Four American employees of New York office of Tass being dismissed, apparently has been a Soviet move to cut down number of employees. Four dismissed employees all have long extensive records of activity in Communist Party. Three of them approached by us in past year (prior to dismissals) and were hostile and uncooperative. The fourth, Barnard Rubin, is former "Daily Worker" writer and has written vicious attacks against FBI. NYO and Bureau had previously agreed that he should not be approached.

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TASS NEWS AGENCY; IS - R. REMYAIR-TEL, 4/13/55, REFLECTING THAT SEVERAL NON-SOVIET TASS EMPLOYEES WERE TO BE DISMISSED BY TASS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. [REDACTED] ADVISED ON 4/16/55 THAT DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN BARNARD RUBIN AND HARRY FISHER, IT WAS MENTIONED THAT RUBIN'S EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE TERMINATED APPROXIMATELY 4/25/55. RUBIN STATED THAT IVAN I. BEGLOV TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS ALL VERY UNPLEASANT AND WAS NO REFLECTION ON RUBIN'S WORK BUT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW AND HAD NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER OF DISMISSING RUBIN. RUBIN SAID BEGLOV WANTED HIM TO RETURN TO TASS DURING THE TIME THE UN WAS IN SESSION, STARTING SEPTEMBER, 1955. FISHER SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH BEGLOV, THE NEED FOR SOMEONE TO RELIEVE TASS EMPLOYEES, WHO WERE ON VACATION AND SICK LEAVE, THAT TOGETHER WITH RUBIN WORKING DURING THE TIME THE THE UN WAS IN SESSION, MIGHT MEAN RUBIN WOULD BE IN THE SAME

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POSITION HE WAS IN BEFORE BEING DISMISSED. BOTH AGREED THAT BEGLOV HAD NOT THOUGHT OUT THE PROBLEM THOROUGHLY, AND THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE INFORMANT ADVISED, ON 4/17/55, THAT DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN RUBIN AND PAUL BURNS, BURNS STATED THAT HE STILL DID NOT HAVE ANY PROSPECTS OF ANOTHER POSITION AND WAS STILL RECOVERING FROM HIS DISMISSAL AND THINKING IT OUT. RUBIN STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY OF TAKING THE MATTER A STEP HIGHER AND THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING "VERY FOUL" ABOUT TAKING THE BEST 14 YEARS OF A MAN'S EARNING POWER AND AFTER HE WAS "MARKED", DROPPING HIM WITH A POLITE REGRET. RUBIN SAID HE GOT A LITTLE MAD, THE MORE HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND BURNS AGREED BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER ANY FURTHER AT THAT TIME. THE INFORMANT ADVISED ON 4/18/55 HARRY ROSS ADVISED RUTH FISHER THAT HE IS ENGAGED IN SEEING PEOPLE AND MAKING CONTACTS RE: A NEW POSITION. IN THE MEANTIME, HIS WIFE, PEGGY ROSS, WILL GO TO WORK FOR THE GREATER NY FUND DURING THEIR FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN. ROSS MENTIONED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH RUBIN.

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5/3/55. NEW YORK

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TASS NEWS AGENCY, 12-H. 20 NEW YORK AIR-TELE, APRIL 13, 1955, AND APRIL 20, 1955, REFLECTING DISMISSAL OF SEVERAL OF TASS AMERICAN EMPLOYEES. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MONITORING THE CHECKING ACCOUNT OF TASS NEWS AGENCY AT THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK, NEW YORK CITY, FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1955, REFLECTS THAT THE EMPLOYMENT OF PAUL BURNS, ALISON BURROUGHS, AND BARNARD RUBIN WAS TERMINATED ON APRIL 25, 1955. BURNS RECEIVED \$4,186.00 IN SEVERANCE PAY. BURROUGHS RECEIVED \$2,204.50 AND RUBIN RECEIVED \$276.92. AGENTS IN THE OBSERVATION POST OVERLOOKING THE TASS OFFICE NOTED THAT BOTH BURNS AND BURROUGHS REPORTED TO WORK REGULARLY UNTIL APRIL 25, 1955. HARRY ROSS WAS LAST OBSERVED IN THE TASS

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1-BUREAU (100-43255) (BURNS) (RM)
1-BUREAU (100-344951) (BURROUGHS) (RM)
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1-BUREAU (101-6727) (ROSS) (RM)

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OFFICE ON APRIL 15, 1955. RUBIN WAS LAST OBSERVED IN THE
FARM OFFICE ON APRIL 20, 1955. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE
EMPLOYMENT OF ROSS WAS ALSO TERMINATED ON APRIL 25, 1955,
BUT THAT HE HAD NOT CASHED THE CHECK INCLUDING HIS SEVERANCE
PAY UP UNTIL THE DATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FIRST
AVAILABLE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 5/13/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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T. D. Rushing

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

May 31, 1955

Director, FBI

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM
(BARNARD RUBIN)
FBI File 100-356062

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Barnard Rubin, a Security Index subject, has been carried as a Foreign Government Employee, a category of cases being reviewed by the Department looking toward approval of the Security Index status for such subjects.

This is to advise that Rubin, subject of FBI File 100-40033, is being removed from the Foreign Government Employee category since it has been determined that he is no longer employed by the Times News Agency, 15 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York. The Security Index card relating to Rubin is now being carried in the regular section.

The foregoing is for your information and the completion of your files.

cc - Bufile 100-40033 (Rubin)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above is to advise Department that subject's case is no longer in category which the Department is committed to review. Removed from FGE category by New York letter 5/13/55.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

BARNARD RUBIN
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 7/18/55, that the subject is presently working nights at Tass News Agency as a teletype operator.

Informant also advised that Soviet Tass correspondent ANATOLI S. SAVELEV does not want to work alone with subject, claiming he might be busy, in which case he wants a good teletype operator on duty with him.

For information of Bureau, informant previously advised the subject, who had been dismissed from Tass effective 4/25/55, was to be rehired on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks to fill in during the vacation period starting July, 1955.

Above for information of Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN was.
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DATE: SEP 19 1955

REFERENCE

SAC letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All New York symbol informants have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted.

"Daily Worker", (DW) dated 12/3/40, page 5 column 5, indicated BEN RUBIN, Executive Secretary of the CP in Berks County and veteran of the Lincoln Brigade was one of six defendants indicted in Reading, Pa. and Berks County, Pa. case of perjury violation of state election code and conspiracy.

"DW", dated 1/7/43, page 1 column 5, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, stated that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reversed the lower court decision in the Reading CP nominating petition case and set aside the conviction of BEN RUBIN on perjury charges.

The records of the Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania, were reviewed following the December session of the above court in 1940, and reflected the subject stated he came to Reading, Pennsylvania, from Spain where he fought and had been wounded with the International Brigade. According to the above records, RUBIN had stated he had been a member of the CP for five or six years, an official of the Party, having been elected Executive Secretary and asserted he was a candidate for Congressman on the CP ticket.

"DW" dated 12/3/40, for Reading, Pennsylvania, reflected that the subject was Executive Secretary of the CP in Berks County, Pa. and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

A Federal Works Agency report, 4/20/41, revealed that JEAN HILLIS, subject's wife, had written the subject's landlady in the latter part of 1940 to the effect that following RUBIN'S arrest in Reading, Pa. for election frauds, he (RUBIN) was deeply devoted to the cause of Communism and would go to any lengths to further its aims.

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Private L. L. LUCAS, Pennsylvania Motor Police, advised that a large quantity of Communistic literature; namely, about three dozen books and pamphlets by various well known CP leaders and government officials of the USSR were confiscated by the Pennsylvania Motor Police from the subject's former residence, 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pa. on 3/10/42.

FOIA(b)(7), - D [] advised that on 2/1/43, at a CP meeting at CP Headquarters, 9 Center Street, New Haven, ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary, 15th District CP, and ISODORE WOFSY, State Secretary (Conn.) stated that RUBIN had operated as Temporary CP functionary in Waterbury, Conn., but were displeased with him because he (RUBIN) would not represent the CP openly in Waterbury.

The "DW", dated 2/15/49, page 10, contains an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN wherein she writes of the subject: "I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was section organizer of the CP in Reading, Pennsylvania He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania..... Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut where he worked in a brass shop and helped organize the union and the Party....."

[] advised in June 1947 that the subject had been employed on the staff of the "Daily Worker", since March 1947.

[] an employer of the "DW", with whom contact has been insufficient to judge reliability advised in September of 1950, that due to a cut-back in the employment on the editorial staff of the "DW" at that time the subject was one of a group discharged.

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In connection with the column written by the subject in the "DW" entitled "Broadway Beat", RUBIN made the following remarks in issue dated 1/13/47, "is the reason behind WALTER WINCHELL'S propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. EDGAR HOOVER for President, the fact that HOOVER has a secret dossier on WINCHELL a mile long.....including some particularly nasty items?" RUBIN continued by saying "this incidentally, is a common practice of the FBI Chief".

The subject's writings in the "DW" since October 28, 1947, reveals that considerable space was devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American Foreign policy and Capitalist culture.

JOSEPHINE TRUSLOV ADAMS with whom contact has been insufficient to judge reliability but who stated she was acquainted with ELIZABETH FLYNN, advised 8/8/51, that when she knew FLYNN, the latter stated that four of the convicted Communists who jumped bail had hidden out at BARNARD RUBIN'S place on Third Avenue. According to ADAMS, FLYNN stated that the subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON and a member of VALB.

[redacted] advised on 6/30/50, that the subject was still a member of the CP.

Panel Source [redacted] advised 6/23/53, that the subject had attended a general membership meeting of the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions, Incorporated (NCASP) held on June 17, 1953.

[redacted] advised in 3/51, that the play written by the subject entitled "Candy Story" was a lower east side melodrama dealing with the social and labor problems and did not try to disguise the fact that it was a leftist play for leftist groups. [redacted] stated that some parts of RUBIN'S play were filled with insulting remarks about the President, Wall Street, Big Business and has Communist propaganda injected throughout.

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[redacted] advised 6/11/54, that the subject was writing articles for CP publications under the pen name of LEE NEWTON.

[redacted] Chase National Bank, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised in May, 1954, that BARNARD RUBIN had been in the employ of the Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, since 3/31/54.

Physical surveillance, vicinity of Tass News Agency determined on 7/15/54, that the subject generally worked on the night shift at Tass News Agency.

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[redacted] advised 4/12/55, that BARNARD RUBIN among others was being dismissed by Tass News Agency.

[redacted] Chase National Bank advised 5/2/55, that a final check was issued by Tass News Agency on 4/25/55, to the subject.

[redacted] advised on 7/18/55, that the subject was presently working nights at Tass and was rehired on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks starting July, 1955.

RECOMMENDATION

Retain in Security Index. Subject's membership in the CP dates from five or six years prior to 1940, by self-admission and as recent as June 1950, by a reliable informant. He has held office of Section Organizer and Executive Secretary of the CP, Berks County, Pa. prior to 1940, CP functionary in Waterbury, Conn 2/43, wrote for "DW" 3/47-9/50, and under pen name 6/54, employed Tass News Agency from 3/54 to 4/55, and as recent as 7/55, on temporary basis, and allegedly hid four of the convicted communists who jumped bail.

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DETCOM TABBING

1. Subject is presently tabbed Detcom and Comsab.
2. Not approved under SAC letter 55-12 (A), dated 2/10/55, and SI card from Bureau does not bear Detcom in large red letters.
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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: SEP 19 1955

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

Card U.T.D.

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SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED BARNARD RUBIN, was: Barney Rubin, Lee Newton, Ben Ruben, Ben Rubin		Report made by EDWARD F. GAMBER	Typed By JW
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

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Subject continues to reside at 807 Riverside Drive, NYC. Subject dismissed from employment at Tass News Agency, NYC, on 4/25/55; rehired on temporary basis in July, 1955; last known to have worked at Tass News Agency on 9/9/55. Informant believes subject is employed by "The Spectrum", a medical magazine, but is unable to furnish any additional information concerning subject's employment. Subject served US Army 5/10/44 to 5/24/46, received honorable discharge. Army record reflects subject employed 1939 to January, 1942 as Secretary of CP in Reading and Berks County, Pennsylvania; served as First Lieutenant, Spanish Loyalist Forces, and Morale Line Lieutenant, 1938; was member of International Brigade. Subject in contact with JIRI NOSEK, former permanent representative of Czechoslovak UN Delegation in December, 1954. Subject author of short dramatization presented at public meeting of the "Hiroshima Commemorative Committee".

AGENCY *1cc to RAB*
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BY *ARE* P -

ENCLOSURE

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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DETAILS: The title of this case has been changed to reflect the name BEN RUBIN, which subject used while serving in the United States Army, as obtained from his Army records.

Residence

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[redacted] on October 10, 1955, [redacted] at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, advised that the subject and his family continue to reside in Apartment 4B, on these premises.

Employment

On March 14, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject was enrolled under Blue Cross Hospital Service Plan Policy Number 14220P, which was issued to Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Subject's certificate number is 5211316W, which costs him \$4.36 a month.

Russia
T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1955, that subject was one of four American employees of Tass News Agency, who were going to be dismissed. On April 16, 1955, informant advised that IVAN I. BEGLOV, a Soviet National and then head of Tass News Agency in New York City, in a recent conversation with subject, advised subject that he would have to let him go on or about April 25, 1955. BEGLOV told subject that it was not a question of his work, and that he would probably use subject during the United Nations session in September.

Informant believes that subject's conversation with BEGLOV probably took place at 1:15 P.M. on April 12, 1955, as subject was supposed to be in the Tass News Agency Office at 12 Noon on that date, but for some unknown reason he was unable to be there until 1:15 P.M. According to informant, subject was apparently shocked by his dismissal from Tass.

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Informant stated that ~~HARRY FISHER~~, American employee of Tass News Agency, intended to make a plea to BEGLOV to keep one of the employees who were being discharged to fill in at the United Nations session, during vacations and in case of sickness. Informant believes that this plea was to be made on behalf of subject, as FISHER told subject that between these items he would be working almost as much as before he was dismissed.

Informant advised that subject, in commenting on the dismissal of the American employees at Tass News Agency, said there was something "pretty ghastly" about the whole business. RUBIN said that he was not thinking about himself so much as he was those who had been employed there fourteen years or more. Informant believes that subject was referring to ~~HARRY ROSS~~, an American who had been employed by Tass News Agency for approximately fourteen years, and who was to be dismissed with the subject.

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RUBIN'S comments continued with the expression that in his opinion, something morally and ethically wrong existed with the dismissal of these employees, and there should be some way of taking the matter a step higher. Subject thought that it would be wrong to let the matter drop and commented that there was something "very foul" about taking fourteen years of a man's best earning power and after he is "marked", dropping him with a polite regret. According to the informant, subject stated that he got a little mad the more he thought about it.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject was last known to have worked at Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, on April 20, 1955, until July 18, 1955, on which date subject again worked at Tass. Informant advised that subject worked at Tass News Agency on an irregular basis during July and August, 1955, and that he was last known to have worked at Tass on September 9, 1955.

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T-2, previously mentioned, advised on June 6, 1955, that subject was to be rehired by Tass News Agency on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks for the purpose of filling in during the vacation period which started in July, 1955.

A telephone call made to Tass News Agency on October 10, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject had not been employed there for approximately one month.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that the following checks were issued to the subject from the Tass News Agency checking account at the Chase Manhattan Bank 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, on the following dates for the sums of money indicated:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 30, 1953	\$ 60.00	April 23, 1954	\$137.24
November 10, 1953	130.00	May 10, 1954	153.00
November 25, 1953	130.00	May 25, 1954	137.24
December 10, 1953	136.00	June 10, 1954	153.00
December 24, 1953	130.00	June 25, 1954	137.24
December 31, 1953	34.70	June 30, 1954	35.11
January 8, 1954	140.00	July 9, 1954	151.05
January 25, 1954	140.00	July 23, 1954	137.24
February 10, 1954	151.70	August 25, 1954	137.24
February 25, 1954	137.24	September 3, 1954	152.35
March 10, 1954	151.05	September 10, 1954	10.00
March 25, 1954	137.24	September 24, 1954	147.24
March 31, 1954	34.51	September 30, 1954	35.85
April 9, 1954	151.70	October 7, 1954	163.11
		October 21, 1954	147.24
November 1, 1954	\$150.00	February 3, 1955	\$163.80
November 1, 1954	147.24	February 25, 1955	147.24
November 10, 1954	13.80	March 3, 1955	153.45
December 10, 1954	163.11	March 25, 1955	147.24
December 31, 1954	50.51	March 31, 1955	36.69
January 10, 1955	150.00	April 7, 1955	163.80
January 25, 1955	147.24	April 20, 1955	389.98
		April 25, 1955	385.76

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T-4 further advised that the subject's check dated December 24, 1953, contained the endorsement of ANNA MILLER, and that his checks dated March 31, 1954, June 25, 1954 and September 30, 1954, contained the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation "Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account Number 140000." The informant advised that subject's checks dated April 9, 1954, September 3, 1954, September 24, 1954 and October 7, 1954, contained the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation "Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account Number 139998." Informant also advised that subject's check dated September 10, 1954, contained a notation indicating that subject's salary had been increased to \$305 per month.

T-4 further advised that subject's check dated November 1, 1954, was endorsed by the Harlem Savings Bank for Account Number 140000; his check dated December 10, 1954, included \$150 salary plus \$13.11 in overtime, and that many of his other checks contained notations which indicated that adjustments were made for federal old age benefits and night differential, as well as associated hospital payments.

With regard to the check issued to subject for the sum of \$385.76 on April 25, 1955, informant noted that this was designated as severance pay which was broken down to include four weeks' salary at \$69.23, one and a half week's vacation pay of \$103.85 and four per cent federal old age benefits of \$7.75, from which there was deducted his payment to the associated hospital service of \$2.76. 53
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With regard to subject's employment at Tass News Agency during July and August, T-4 advised that subject was issued a check on July 8, 1955, drawn upon the Tass News Agency account for the sum of \$145, on which there was indicated that \$138.48 of this sum represented salary for the pay period ending July 15, 1955, and \$5.52 was for night differential. Another check for the sum of \$175 was issued to the subject on July 25, 1955, upon which was a notation which indicated that it represented ten days' salary at \$17.50 per day

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for the dates July 16, 17, 17, 18, 23, 24, 24, 29, 30 and 31, 1955. The informant advised that on September 9, 1955, subject was issued a check for the sum of \$166.25, which represented nine and a half days' pay at \$17.50 per day for the dates September 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1955.

On September 13, 1955, subject was issued a check for the sum of \$127.41, which contained a notation indicating that it represented fourteen hours pay for Labor Day, \$58.75, four per cent federal old age benefits, \$33.66, and the additional sum of \$35.

Information obtained from T-4 should not be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-2, previously mentioned, advised on August 29, 1955, that subject's mother told him that a person by the name of "SOL" had called to tell him about a position which involved writing for some medical journal at \$150 per week. Informant understood that subject was to call BERNARD ~~BIDDLE~~ (phonetic) at 10:30 A.M. on August 30, 1955.

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Informant further advised that on September 6, 1955, subject had an interview for a new job. Subject was of the opinion that he had a good chance to get the job. According to informant, subject had asked for a starting salary of \$7,500 a year, but the job called for \$6,500 a year; however, subject was of the opinion that they might raise the starting salary to \$7,000 and considered the matter of permanency to be the only drawback. The informant was of the opinion that after four months or so, subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago.

T-2 advised that after subject had the interview he talked to a friend of his who advised subject that the job was his if he wanted it. Subject's friend counseled him to take the job. Another concern of subject, according to the informant, was his child's schooling. Informant understands that subject had another appointment on the following day which probably concerned possible employment.

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On October 4, 1955, T-2 advised that subject apparently had a job with "~~The Spectrum~~" a job which HARRY FISHER was trying to obtain for PAUL BURNS, another of the discharged Tass employees. Informant understands that BURNS was quite "cut up" about it as he was being "double crossed."

Informant advised that HARRY FISHER and his wife have an apparent dislike for subject, as in discussing the fact that the subject and not BURNS obtained this job, they commented that "if RUBIN was involved the worst could be believed," and that RUBIN was not satisfied but had to have two or three jobs. The most disturbing thing to the FISHERS appeared to be their opinion that RUBIN knew this was going to happen for months and never let them in on it. The informant recalled that when subject and PAUL BURNS were first dismissed from Tass News Agency, RUTH FISHER, in counselling BURNS, told him not to give RUBIN too much to "chew on" and not to let RUBIN cry on his shoulder.

EMPLOYED

MRS. HARRY FISHER

The Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Russian news gathering agency in the United States, and as such is registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

The records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, disclosed that Tass filed a supplemental registration statement, #464, for the six month period ending March 31, 1952, on April 30, 1952, which reflected that PAUL BURNS was employed as a "Staff Writer."

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 21, 1950, that prior to receiving a position with Tass News Agency, PAUL BURNS discussed with him his formal resignation from the Communist Party (CP). T-5 stated that although as was the custom, BURNS had to resign formally from the Party, he actually remained a member.

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The records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, reflect that in a supplemental registration statement, filed on October 31, 1952, by the Tass News Agency for the six month period ending September 30, 1952, RUTH FISHER and her husband, HARRY FISHER, were listed as employees.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 31, 1949, that he was of the opinion that RUTH and HARRY FISHER were members of the Queens County CP.

T-3, previously mentioned, advised on October 17, 1955, that RUTH and HARRY FISHER were still employed by the Tass News Agency in New York City.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City reflect that IVAN IVANOVICH BEGLOV, former Chief of the Tass News Agency, in New York City, departed from the United States on May 18, 1955, aboard the "Queen Elizabeth." *RUSSIA*

Military Service

SE ROY HOMESLEY reviewed the subject's Army service record at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1954. This record reflects that subject, BEN RUBIN, Army Serial Number 33-837-353, was inducted into the United States Army on May 10, 1944, and entered on active duty on the same date at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

On July 3, 1944, subject's name was changed in these records to his true name, BARNARD RUBIN. Subject served one year, five months, and five days in Foreign Service in the West Pacific Theatre, and participated in the battles and campaigns of Luzon and New Guinea. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the Army of Occupation Medal in Japan.

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His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent, and there is no record of court martial or absences without leave. These records reflect that subject was employed from 1939 to January, 1942 as Secretary of the CP in Reading and Berks County, 11 North Eighth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and in this position he prepared and delivered four to six talks per week to closed and invitation meetings, as well as public meetings, and spoke over the radio on a monthly basis.

Subject also held a First Lieutenant rating with the Spanish Loyalist Forces and served as a Morale Line Lieutenant during the year 1938 in the Infantry. He was a member of the International Brigade.

These records reflect that subject was arbitrarily removed from his position with the Tokyo Edition of "Stars and Stripes", and scheduled for transfer to Okinawa for reassignment. There is no clarification of subject's removal contained in his Army record.

Subject's Army record reflects that he attended the City College of New York for three years, has a civilian occupation as Apprentice Automatic Screw Machine Tool Setter, Secretary and News Reporter, and that he was a heavy machine gunner in the United States Army.

On May 15, 1955, WILLIAM ~~HERRICK~~, 413 Warren Street, Mamaroneck, New York, advised SA DONALD W. STRATTON that he formerly served in the 15th International Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He advised that the International Brigade was formed in 1936 by the Communist International.

The International Brigade was made up of individual battalions from various countries and each battalion was headed by a political commissar, who was always a member of the CP. HERRICK advised that the

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International Brigade had three purposes:

- A. To assist the Loyalist Forces in Spain
- B. To assist the CP in Spain
- C. To train CP members in various parts of the world in warfare.

The Communist International Brigade has been cited as the centralized world wide organ of the CP, controlled by Moscow, according to the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report Number 209, dated April 1, 1947, and Report No. 1920, dated May 11, 1948, page 43.

Contacts and Activities

T-2, previously mentioned, advised that on July 18, 1955, while subject was working for Tass News Agency, his work schedule was changed at the request of ANATOLI S. ~~SAVELEV~~, who did not want to work with the subject. ~~SAVELEV~~'s reason for this was that he might be busy and he wanted to have a good teletype operator on RUSSIA duty with him. N.Y.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflect that ANATOLI SERGEEVICH ~~SAVELEV~~ is a correspondent with Tass News Agency in New York City and that he arrived in the United States on June 29, 1953, aboard Scandanivian Airlines System Flight Number 907, at the Port of New York.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 7, 1954, the subject advised JIRI ~~NOSEK~~ of the Czechoslovakian United Nations Delegation, 6 East 67th Street, New York City, that he wished to confer with NOSEK's wife, MARIE, and wished to arrange an appointment with her for this purpose. NOSEK N.Y. Czechoslovakia

According to the informant, subject had what he considered to be a very nice talk with Mrs. NOSEK at a party at the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation

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during the previous week. Informant believes that this party, which subject referred to, was a reception given by the Czechoslovakian United Nations Delegation on the evening of December 3, 1954. Informant does not know whether or not subject was able to arrange an appointment with Mrs. NOSEK. *K. [signature]*

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that JIRI NOSEK is the former permanent representative of the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation, 6 East 67th Street, New York City, and that he is presently in the United States as a Czechoslovak delegate to the Tenth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, having arrived in the United States on September 20, 1955, at the port of New York.

The "National Guardian," in an article entitled, "Hiroshima Rallies Everywhere Vow No More Atom Bombs," which appeared in the August 22, 1955, issue of this publication, page four, columns one through four, mentions that the anniversary's drama was caught for the audience in the lament of a Japanese woman for her husband, who was "crying himself to death." The script was written by BARNEY RUBIN.

The "Daily Worker," in its July 11, 1955 issue, page two, column two, stated that Reverend GUY EMERY SHIPLER, Chairman of the newly founded Hiroshima Commemorative Committee, had announced that a public meeting to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Dropping of the "A" Bomb on Hiroshima would be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on August 10, 1955. *member C.P.*

The "Daily Worker," in its July 28, 1955 issue, column two, page four, announced the objectives of the committee as "no more Hiroshimas;" "put the Atom to work for peace and health;" "control of test nuclear explosions east and west by agreement."

The "Daily Worker" and its Sunday edition "The Worker," gave considerable publicity to the

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Hiroshima Committee and the meeting sponsored at Carnegie Hall, between July 11, 1955 and August 12, 1955.

T-5, previously mentioned, advised on June 26, 1950, that he had been officially advised by JACK STACHEL, CP functionary, that the Reverend GUY SHIPLER was a member of the CP and under Communist discipline. N.Y.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming a national circulation, which was found to be from its inception, notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 Report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 17 Murray Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

The CP has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
T-1 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject's Blue Cross Hospital Certificate 5-211316W issued under Tass News Agency Policy #14220P.	3/14/55	SA VINCENT F. CLANCY	100-48274 Ser. 197
T-2	4/18/55; 4/12, 16, 17; 6/6; 7/18; 8/29; 9/6; 10/4/55	4/18/55; 4/12, 16, 17; 6/6; 7/18; 8/29; 9/6; 10/4/ 55		
T-3 Stationary Lookout, vicinity Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Subject last observed at Tass News Agency 4/20/55	4/20/55	SAS GEORGE A. DIMLER, THOMAS W. MC GUIRE	100-60713B
"	Subject observed at Tass News Agency 7/18/55	7/18/55	SA ROBERT P. MURPHY	
"	Subject last ob- served at Tass News Agency, 9/9/55	9/9/55	SA ARTHUR H. SEIDEL	

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T-3 (cont'd)	RUTH and HARRY FISHER observed at Tass News Agency 10/17/55	10/17/55	SA ARTHUR H. SEIDEL	100-60713B
T-4 FOIA b 7 - D Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Checks issued to subject between October, 1953 and 4/25/55, drawn on Tass News Agency account, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	8/3; 9/1; 10/1; 11/2; 12/1/53; 1/4; 2/1; 3/1; 4/1/54	SA LOUIS M. LUEDERS	100-607131B
"	"	5/3; 6/1; 7/2; 8/2; 9/2; 10/1/54	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"
"	"	11/1/54	SA ARNOLD E. BRANDT	"
"	"	12/1/54; 1/3; 2/1; 3/1; 4/1; 5/2/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"

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T-4 (cont'd.) FOIA(b) 7 - D [redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Checks issued to subject from Tass News Agency account Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, on 7/8/55 and 7/25/55.	8/1/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	100-607131B
"	Checks issued to subject from Tass News Agency account Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, on 9/9 and 13/55.	10/3/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"
T-5 [redacted] of the "Daily Worker", and former CP functionary	Resignation from CP of PAUL BURNS and continued membership there- after.	6/21/50	SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR.	66-6709-C
"	Reverend GUY SHIPLER'S member- ship in the CP	6/26/50	"	"

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T-6 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	CP membership of RUTH and HARRY FISHER	3/31/49	SA WILLIAM P. DIX	100-81891 Ser. 18
T-7 [REDACTED]		12/7/54		

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The pretext telephone call to Tass News Agency on 10/10/55, was made by SA SIMON TULLAI, who represented himself in a broken accent as a person whom subject had contacted concerning employment.

NYO indices do not contain any reference to a BERNARD DIDDLE.

NYO indices contain one reference to "~~The Spectrum~~" magazine, which reflects that on 11/6/53, one J. STEINLER called the NYO and represented himself as a feature writer for this magazine. He described this as a medical magazine and said that he was interested in obtaining some information for an article he intended to write for this magazine. NYO indices do not contain any information which would serve to identify this magazine.

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NEW YORK.

At New York, New York

- Spectrum".
1. Will endeavor to further identify "The
 2. Will conduct investigation to establish subject's present employment.

REFERENCE

Summary report of SA ROBERT E. MC KELVIE,
8/17/54, New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-40033)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was:
Barney Rubin, Lee
Newton, Ben Ruben, Ben Rubin
IS - R

DATE: OCT 28 1955

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Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of the report of SA EDWARD F. GAMBER, NY, dated and captioned as above.

Reference is made to NYlet to Bureau, 12/10/54, in instant matter, which sets forth a review of instant case file and includes the NYO's unfavorable recommendation concerning the interview of subject. This office has at this time reconsidered the desirability of interviewing subject in the light of his dismissal from Tass News Agency and his comments concerning the dismissal of himself and three other former Tass employees as set forth in enclosed report.

It is the opinion of this office that subject in spite of the aforementioned facts, should not be approached for interview in view of his long time participation in CP activities and the fact that he has on three occasions in the past, attacked the Director and the FBI in a vicious and untruthful manner in his column, "Broadway Beat", which appeared in the "Daily Worker" while he was employed by that paper.

SEE REPORT FOR
RE: DISSEMINATION

There is no indication that subject has changed his feelings toward the Director or the FBI, and it is felt that an attempt to interview him might well result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

Your attention is also called to the fact that subject again worked for Tass News Agency subsequent to the date of his original dismissal on 4/25/55, and subsequent to the date upon which he made the comments concerning the dismissal of himself and the other employees. While this is by no means the controlling factor in the NYO's decision concerning interview of subject, it does indeed represent a consideration.

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Mr. Bake
Mr. P. L. Cox

SAC, New York (100-48274)

November 29, 1955

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Director, FBI (100-40033)

BARNARD RUBIN, was
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Reurlet (FD-122) 11-18-55, which reflects that the subject is now writing for a medical magazine called "The Spectrum." The report of SA Edward F. Gamber dated 10-28-55 at New York reflects the name of the magazine for which the subject is writing as "The Spectrum." Since it appears that "The Spectrum" is the correct name, the Bureau copies of your FD-122 dated 11-18-55 have been changed to reflect the name of this magazine as "The Spectrum." Your copy should be similarly changed. If this change should not be made, advise the Bureau by return letter.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 11-18-55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
IS-RCard U.T.D.
(2-7-55)
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

William Douglass Mc Adams Advertising Agency, Medical Press as

writer for "The Spectrum" since 9/15/55, 130 East 59th Street, N.Y., N.Y.

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____

RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-40033)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)
 SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.
 SM-C

DATE: 1/31/56

Enclosed herewith are the original and ~~three~~ copies of a report of SA EDWARD F. GAMBER entitled and dated as above.

The character of this case has been changed from IS-R to SM-C in view of the fact that subject has not been employed by the Tass News Agency in NYC since September 15, 1955, and his employment with that agency was the basis for the IS-R classification. Investigation has failed to reflect any recent contact by subject with the Soviets. All future investigation in this matter will be reported under an SM-C classification in the event that no information reflecting contact on the part of the subject with Soviets is developed.

With regard to information attributed to T-2 in enclosed report, Bureau attention is called to the fact that this office did not set forth the items which ALBERT E. KAHN included in his letter to subject. These items were omitted as they do not appear to lend anything to instant investigation as they were authored by KAHN rather than RUBIN. These items are hereinafter set forth for the information of the Bureau.

"The anti-Semitic and fifth column movement which continues to operate within Poland against the government is directed and financed chiefly by the fascist 'Government-in-exile.' Italy is the main jumping-off place for fascist Polish secret agents, terrorists, spies and saboteurs. These agents, who are regularly flown into Poland to supervise fifth column operations there, are members of General Anders' Army and are working under his supervision. More significant are the following facts: the expenses of General Anders' Army in Italy are paid by the British treasury; Anders' Army itself is under the direction of the British High Command; and a number of the fascist agents who have been caught in Poland have been found to be carrying British Intelligence identification papers. In other words, the British so-called Labor Government is responsible not only for shooting Jews in Palestine, but is also deliberately helping to promote pogroms in Poland."

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"Jewish organizations which are featuring John Roy Carlson as a speaker, because they believe he is an anti-fascist and sincere fighter against anti-Semitism, should read the expose of him in the current issue of Jewish Life. In this expose they will find facts which indicate that Carlson himself is not exactly free from anti-Semitism."

This case is being closed in the NYO inasmuch as instant report reflects all current unreported activities of subject as well as his residence and employment. However, this case will be reopened should any information come to the attention of this office concerning subject's activities which warrants such action.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/31/56	Investigative Period 11/7,10,14;12/13,21/55; 1/11,16,18,19/56
TITLE OF CASE BARNARD RUBIN, was.		Report made by EDWARD F. GAMBER	Typed By: dn
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

Subject employed by Medical Press Division, William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street, NYC, since 9/15/55, as a writer for the "Pfizer Spectrum." Subject continues to reside 807 Riverside Drive, NYC. ALBERT KAHN, President of JPFO, IWO, addressed letter to subject at the "Daily Worker" on 2/28/47. Subject frequently seen at functions of People's Drama, Inc. in late 1940's. List of guests at "Bill of Rights" dinner, 12/15/54, sponsored by Emergency Civil Liberties Committee includes name of BEN RUBIN and PEARL RUBIN.

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DETAILS: On September 6, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject had an interview for a new job. According to informant, this job called for a salary of sixty-five hundred dollars a year but subject had asked for a starting salary of seventy-five hundred dollars a year and was of the opinion that the salary might be raised to seven thousand dollars a year. Informant was of the

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opinion that after four months or so, subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago.

On October 4, 1955, informant advised that subject apparently had a position with "The Spectrum."

The records of the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, do not reflect any information concerning a publication by the name of "The Spectrum." However, these records do reflect information concerning the "Pfizer Spectrum" which is prepared by the Medical Department of the Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The "Pfizer Spectrum" is included as a part of the "Journal of the American Medical Association." An examination of the October 29, 1955 issue of the "Journal of the American Medical Association" substantiated this fact.

A telephone call to the Medical Department, Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (telephone EV 8-3800) on November 10, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject does write for the "Pfizer Spectrum" but that he is employed by the Medical Press Division of the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street, New York City.

A telephone call to the Accounting Department, Medical Press Division, William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street (telephone number PL 9-6300) on November 14, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject has been employed by that firm since September 15, 1955, as a writer for the "Pfizer Spectrum" at a salary of seventy-five hundred dollars per year. The records of this concern reflect subject's address as 807 Riverside Drive, New York City.

In view of the fact that T-1, previously mentioned, advised that after four months or so subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago, another telephone call was made to the Medical

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Press Division of the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, under suitable pretext, on January 19, 1956. It was established that the subject continues his employment with this firm in New York City and that the records of this firm continue to reflect subject's address as 807 Riverside Drive, New York City. However, on this occasion subject's salary was furnished as seven thousand dollars per year.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 26, 1955, and June 1, 1955, that ALBERT E. KAHN addressed a letter to subject at the "Daily Worker", 35 East 12th Street, New York City, under the date of February 28, 1947. In this letter KAHN apologized to RUBIN for not having called him during the previous week and included two items which he considered to be of possible interest to RUBIN. Informant advised that the items included in this letter appear to be suggested for publication in the "Daily Worker" although this was not so stated in the letter and the informant does not know whether or not these articles were ever published in the "Daily Worker."

"Fraternal Outlook", a publication of the International Workers Order, in its issue of August-September, 1944, page nine, stated that ALBERT E. KAHN was elected President of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order (IWO) on June 7, 1944.

On November 17, 1953, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that KAHN was described at an IWO meeting in November, 1953, as President of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the IWO.

The JPFO and the IWO have both been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 6, 1955, ELMER ALAN BERNSTEIN, a self-employed free-lance music composer and conductor,

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who resides at 11747 Canton Place, Studio City, California, was interviewed by SAS HARVEY G. BERKEY and JOHN S. TEMPLE. BERNSTEIN advised that he became associated with People's Drama, Inc. in the late 1940's, and that many known members of the Communist Party were in attendance at People's Drama functions. BERNSTEIN recalled in particular BARNARD RUBIN, a writer for the "Daily Worker" who, though not a member of People's Drama, Inc., was frequently seen at functions of this organization in New York and seemed to have an entree to members of the group.

People's Drama, Inc. has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-4, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on December 16, 1954, that a list of guests attending the "Bill of Rights" dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee at the Crystal Room of the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West 57th Street, New York City, on December 15, 1954, included the names of BEN RUBIN and PEARL RUBIN.

It is noted that subject has used the name of BEN RUBIN and that subject's wife's name is PEARL.

The "Daily Worker", an east-coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled "One Hundred and Fifty Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee," reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than fifty members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

Writing in "Political Affairs," issue of August, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted Communist Party

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functionary, referred to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today."

Concerning "Political Affairs," FLYNN testifying in the case "United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publications beginning in 1945.

The address of the Committee is 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted June 20, 1951, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On January 21, 1953, she was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for the above violation and was sentenced on February 3, 1953, by Federal Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK to three years in the Federal Penitentiary and fined six thousand dollars. After denial of appeal by the United States District Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court, her bail was revoked and she was remanded to jail on January 11, 1955. She is presently incarcerated at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following description of the subject was obtained from background record checks and by observation:

Name	BARNARD RUBIN
Aliases	BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON, BEN RUBIN , BEN RUBIN
Age	39
Born	April 7, 1913, Brooklyn, New York
Residence	807 Riverside Drive, New York City, Apartment 4A.
Height	5'5"
Weight	186 pounds

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Build
Hair
Complexion
Occupation

Stocky
Black
Ruddy
Employee of Tass News Agency,
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City NY

807 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
Marital Status

Married, wife - PEARL RUBIN, nee:
PEARL MILLER MRS BARNARD RUBIN

Immediate Relatives

Child: PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN,
born [redacted] FOIA b 6

Father: JACOB RUBIN,
born in Russia;

Mother: ANNA LEVY RUBIN,
born in Russia;

Brother: SAUL RUBIN NO LOC

Arrest Record

Subject arrested at Berks County,
Pennsylvania, August 28, 1940,
on charges of Perjury and
violation of Election Code.

Subject found guilty in
December, 1940 session Berks
County Criminal Court on above
two charges. On July 2, 1941,
subject sentenced to one year
on one charge of Perjury but
Election Code violation dis-
missed.

Verdict: Sustained by Superior
Court of Pennsylvania and
appealed to Supreme Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
where indictment was dismissed
in June, 1953.

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T-1, [REDACTED]	9/6/55, 10/4/55	9/6/55, 10/4/55		
T-2, [REDACTED] BCI, New York State Police, Albany, NY. (Concealed by request).	Correspondence from ALBERT E. KAHN to subject dated 2/28/47.	5/26/55, 6/1/55	SA CHARLES F. HURLEY	NY 100-10017-1B40
T-3, [REDACTED]	Used to document ALBERT E. KAHN.			
T-4, [REDACTED] Great Northern Hotel, 118 West 57th Street, NYC. (Concealed by request).	Name of BEN RUBIN and PEARL RUBIN appeared on guest list of "Bill of Rights" dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.	12/16/54	SA ROBERT MUR- PHY and SA THOMAS POWERS.	NY 100-107419 271.

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This case has been re-evaluated in the light of Security Index criteria and it has been determined that subject should be maintained on the Security Index.

Information in this report has been compared with information appearing on subject's Security Index card and no discrepancies were noted.

The pretext telephone call to the Medical Department, Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on November 10, 1955, was made by SA EDWARD F. GAMBER who did not find it necessary to identify himself.

The pretext telephone call to the Accounting Department, Medical Press Division, William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street, New York City, on November 14, 1955, was made

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by SA EDWARD F. GAMBER who represented himself as being with the Credit Department, R.H. Macy Department Store in New York City, in a conversation with a Mrs. COHEN.

The pretext telephone call to the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency on January 19, 1956, was made by SA CHARLES F. FULKS who represented himself as being with the Credit Department of Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store, in New York City, in a conversation with a Mrs. COHEN.

REFERENCE

Report of SA EDWARD F. GAMBER dated 10/28/55 at NY.

CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-40033

Date: Feb 9, 1956

Subject: Barnard Rubin

Date Searched: 11/15/54

Found As: Barnard Rubin
Benjamin Rubin
Ben Rubin
Bernard Rubin

Barney Rubin

Also Searched As: No further search made.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Benjamin^o Rubin, Ben^o Rubin, ~~Barnard Rubin~~, ~~Barney Rubin~~,
Lee^o Newton*, Ben^o Ruben*, ~~Bernard Rubin~~, ~~Ben^o Rupin*~~,
Benjamin R.^o Rubin*, Bernie Rubin*, B. Rubin*, Ben^o Reuben*,
Ben R.^o Rubin*

Born: 4/7/15 in Brooklyn, N.Y.; 4/7/12, NYC; 12/5/11, NYC.

Height: 5' 6"

Weight: 170 lbs

Hair: Dark

Eyes: Black

Relatives: Father - Jacob Rubin, born in Russia
Mother - Anna Levine (Levy) Rubin, born in Russia
Brother - Saul Rubin, born 2/8/21
Sister - Leah Rubin Leopold
Daughter - Phyllis Young Rubin, born FOIA b1 61

Marital Status: Divorced from Emma Rosenbaum Rubin
Was married to Lydia Jean Hillis (reportedly in 1943)
Marriage annulled 10/10/44
Married Pearl Miller Rubin on 9/21/46

Peculiarities: Wears a mustache

Army Serial: #33837353

Social Security: #196-12-5859

Carried on the NY Security Index: COMSAB

Education: 4 years De Witt Clinton High School, NY State
2 years City College, NY City
1 year St. John's University, NY City

Inducted into Army 5/10/44; discharged 5/26/46

* Names not searched:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA cont.

Employment:

<i>Prior to 1937</i>	<i>Free-lance writer and helper in Mo's cafeteria (no location)</i>
<i>1937-1938</i>	<i>West Bronx Peoples Book Shop, NY City</i>
<i>1938-1940</i>	<i>Reporter for American Free Press, Philadelphia</i>
<i>1940-1941</i>	<i>Mohn Hat Factory, Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1941-1942</i>	<i>Laborer - floorman, Beryllium Corp., Temple, Pa.</i>
<i>April, 1942 to Aug. 1942</i>	<i>Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>Aug. 1942 to Feb. 1943</i>	<i>Feinstein Stationery Store, NYC</i>
<i>1943-1945</i>	<i>Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1946-1947</i>	<i>Columnist for "Stars and Stripes"</i>
<i>1947-1950</i>	<i>Columnist for "DW"</i>
<i>1950-1953</i>	<i>Director of New Playwrights, Inc., NYC</i>
<i>1954</i>	<i>Tass News Agency, NYC</i>
<i>In 1940 Rubin ran for Congressman on CP ticket</i>	

Residences:

<i>1940</i>	<i>525 Greenwich St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1940-1941</i>	<i>420 Woodward St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1941</i>	<i>174 Willow Street, Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1941-1942</i>	<i>126 S. 9th St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>No date</i>	<i>614 N. Third St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1942</i>	<i>247 S. Main St., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1942</i>	<i>122 Cook Street, Waterbury, Conn.</i>

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Residences cont.

1942	197 Willow St., Waterbury, Conn.
1943	195 Columbia St., Waterbury, Conn.
1943	51 Thompson St., Waterbury, Conn.
1948-1950	1152 Third Ave., NY City
1950	807 Riverside Drive, NY City, Apt. 4B

Foreign travel:

1937	<u>France</u>
1937	<u>Spain</u>

Arrests:

8/28/40 in Reading on perjury charge. Found guilty.

Dec. 1940 on 2 counts of perjury and one count of violation of the election laws. Election law violation sentence was suspended; sentenced to two years on the other counts.

Organizational Affiliations:

NAACP
CP
YMCA, Waterbury, Conn.
Labors Non-partisan League, NY City
Workers Alliance, Reading
Co-Chairman of CP Labor Committee, Waterbury, Conn.
Member of Abraham Lincoln Brigade

Organizational Affiliations cont.

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

National Farmers Union

Conference of Social and Labor Legislation

Veterans Committee for Democracy in Japan

Japanese American Committee for Democracy

Freedom of the Press, Inc.

CRC

NY Committee to Win the Peace

ABBREVIATIONS

IUMMSW - International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers
NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
YCL - Young Communist League

The names Bernard Rubin and Benjamin Rubin, Corporal on "Stars and Stripes in World War II appeared on a list of persons who had served in the Loyalist Army in Spain during the Spanish Civil War during the years 1936-1939.

Passport Division of State Dept.
to the NY Office
Above described list enclosed with
NY Letter, 5/7/48
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade; IS-C
100-7060-447 p. 198
(5, 39)✓

The "DW" of 4/8/39 carried an article headed "Reading CP Head Speaks on Alien Law" which stated that Ben Rubin took the floor at the City Council meeting on Thursday and spoke against the Pennsylvania Anti-Alien Bill which was before the State Capitol law makers at that time.

Clipping of "DW", 4/8/39
61-7559-4073X7
(9)✓

On 5/11/39 Ben Rubin attempted to have the Workers' Alliance, Reading, adopt a resolution to the effect that (Pennsylvania) Representative Moser be removed bodily if he attended the post office cornerstone laying in Reading on Saturday.
(NY Wld. Telegram, 5/11/39)

Rubin originally was a YCL member in Far Rockaway, NY and in about 1935 joined the CP there. He moved to NY City and operated a CP book store. He joined the Lincoln Brigade in Spain shortly after the Spanish war started. Upon his return to NY he was appointed CP Organizer in Reading. His task consisted mainly in organizing the shoe and hosiery workers in CIO Unions and organizing CP branches in surrounding counties.

Inft. J. Morris
Inft. rept., undated
61-7565-313X
(10) ✓

On 7/4/39 a number of CP members, Ben Rubin among them, signed a letter of congratulations to Sam Adam Darcy, Pennsylvania State CP Secretary, congratulating him on his first anniversary as leader of the CP in that district.

Strictly Conf. Source
Philadelphia Rpt., 7/21/43
Re: Charles Roselle, was.;
Custodial Detention-R
100-49274-5
(15) ✓

The Committee for Peoples Rights in Eastern Pennsylvania was affiliated with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the time of the investigation, indictment and trial of Ben Rubin in 1940.

No. Inft. given
Philadelphia Rpt., 12/9/50
Re: Walter Wiest Felton, was.;
SM-C
100-369559-3
(19) ✓

In 1952, John Addison was questioned regarding his having signed a nomination paper for the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania back in 1940. Addison admitted having signed the paper which was to nominate Ben Rubin for the position of Representative, stating the petition was supposedly being circulated by the Democratic Party, of which he was a member.

ONI
San Francisco memo, 2/11/53
Re: John Michael Addison;
Navy; LGE
121-39714-8
(21)✓

Elizabeth Zimmerman, Bureau of Elections, Department of State, Harrisburg, made available a photostatic copy of the Pennsylvania 1940 CP nominating petitions to place Ben Rubin on the ballot for the office of Representative in Congress. The name of Albert Rzesutek, father of Catherine Rzesutek, appeared on the list.

Philadelphia rpt., 1/9/50
Re: Catherine Marie Rzesutek, Clk.
Steno.-Applicant, Navy Dept.;
LGE
121-21118-8
(21)✓

On 6/2/54 Max Putney was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Philadelphia at which time he stated that he had dropped out of the Socialist Party in Reading after a Party split in about 1935. After that he read about Communism and discussed it on many occasions with Ben Rubin and other CP members and in about 1941 joined the CP.

Putney also advised that he and Rubin, along with four other individuals, were arrested in 1940 and charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws.

Philadelphia rpt., 7/15/54
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was;
SM-C
101-385-25
(19)✓

In 1940 Ben Rubin was in company with J. Harold Phillips at the West Leesport Playground.

Phillips had contacted different people in 1940 for the purpose of appearing as character witnesses for Rubin at the time he was tried in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Reliable unknown source
Philadelphia rpt., 1/1/42
Re: J. Harold Phillips;
IS-C
100-64799-1
(15)✓

Ray E. Godshall, Chief Clerk of Local Draft Board 5, stated in March, 1944, that Herman Weyman, husband of Hazel Weyman, was the brother of James Weyman who, along with Ben Rubin and other CP members, was convicted of election fraud in Reading in 1940.

Philadelphia rept., 4/1/44
Re: Hazel G. Weyman, wa.;
SM-C
100-411717-1
(19)✓

In 1942 Dymtro Barna of Reading, Joseph Barna's father, admitted having signed a CP nominating petition circulated in 1940 by Ben Rubin.

(T-2)

FOIA b 7 - D

T-2: [redacted] former investigator for Pa. State Police, who does not want his identity disclosed.

Philadelphia rept., 11/26/48
Re: Joseph Barna, wa.; Dept. of Army; Mess Attendant; LGE
121-13112-2
(21)✓

Elmer King Pyle of Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, as of 1945 had been active in the CP and CPA for ten years. He was a witness for Ben Rubin in his (Rubin's) trial for perjury in connection with the circulating of CP nominating petitions (1940). (No Inft. given)

Philadelphia rpt., 7/7/45
Re: Cominfil CIO Industrial
Union Councils; IS-C
100-33049-37-44 p. 272
(15) ✓

James Weyman, Ben Rubin, and others, were mentioned in the Pennsylvania State Police files as CP members or sympathizers. Their pictures appeared in the 1/3/40 issue of the "American Free Press" under the headlines "State Officials Violate Election Code in Reading."

Philadelphia rpt., 1/13/44
Re: James Andrew Weyman;
SM-C
101-364-12
(19) ✓

Private Lester Lucas of the Pennsylvania State Police provided the Philadelphia Office with information to the effect that James Weyman was an associate of Ben Rubin and in March, 1940, had circulated CP petitions.

Philadelphia rpt., 6/2/43
Re: James Andrew Weyman;
Custodial Detention - R
101-364-8
(19) ✓

On 3/22/40 Harold R. John signed CP nominating petition, petitioning for Ben Rubin for Congress.
(Pa. Sec. of State)

John stated to Bureau Agent that he gave Rubin permission to sign his name to the above petition.
(Date of info. not given)

Philadelphia rpt., 8/11/42
Re: Harold Royer John, was.;
IS-R
101-2802-6
(20)✓

A check of the Reading City Directory in June, 1940, reflected that Benjamin Rubin, and wife Lydia J., resided at 11 S. 7th Street, Apt. 3-C, and his occupation was listed as Secretary, Communist Party."

Edward S. Bektal, mailman, on interview stated he had not heard of anyone named Ben Rubin at the above address. Mrs. John Dever, wife of the caretaker at the above address advised that a young girl lived in that apartment alone.

The National Credit Consumer Credit Reporting Agency in Reading had no record on a Benjamin Rubin. The Police Department advised they had no criminal record on Rubin.

Philadelphia rpt., 7/2/40
Re: Frank Hellman; Esp.
98-200-18
(4, 11)✓

Barnard Rubin was among the sponsors of the Conference on Constitutional Liberties which was called in Washington, D.C., 6/7-9/40 and launched by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Director's telephone room
note of 5/6/48 with enclosure
from Jack B. Tenney of
Fourth Report, Un-American
Activities in California, 1948
100-15252-39, p. 226
(27) ✓

Mrs. Anna Duszkiewicz, mother of John Duszkiewicz, wrote a letter to James F. Marks, District Attorney, Berks County, on 8/26/40, in which she stated that her son was not a Communist. She said he had merely taken the CP petition to help Ben Rubin out.

Philadelphia rpt., 3/22/44
Re: John Stanley Duszkiewicz,
was.; SM-C
101-390-12
(20) ✓

The following people were mentioned in a list of names which Paul J. Gernert, Warden of Berks County Prison, Reading, furnished the Philadelphia Office on 8/29/40. The names were taken from a notebook found in the possession of Ben Rubin who had been committed to the prison on a charge of violation of the election laws and perjury.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>S.S. Page</u>
Robert W. Geiger	101-2770-1	20 ✓
Harry Davis	101-2890-1	20 ✓
George Terhune Peck	100-363498-47	19 ✓
Charles Anthony Palmer	100-184316-1	16 ✓
Houston Stokes Doriss	100-314409-1	18 ✓

While John Duszczkiewicz was associated with the Unemployment League and Workers Alliance he became acquainted with Ben Reuben and other CP members. As a friend of Reuben's he was requested to circulate petitions for the CP in an endeavor to have Reuben nominated for Congress on the CP ticket.

Report by Private Lester L. Lucas,
Pa. Motor Police, dated 9/25/40
Philadelphia rpt., 11/23/42
Re: John Stanley Duszczkiewicz,
was.; IS-R
101-390-7
(20)✓

Report of 9/27/40 the the Pennsylvania Motor Police revealed that during March, 1940, Harry Brown had caused to be circulated at the instance of Ben Rubin, CP petitions in which signatures were obtained falsely, having informed people the petitions were for the Democrat Party. The report also stated that Rubin was an associate of Brown's.

Philadelphia rpt., 10/7/42
Re: Harry E. Brown; IS-R
101-363-5
(19)✓

The "DW" for 10/2/40 carried an advertisement which listed Pennsylvania's CP slate of candidates for state offices among which was Benjamin Rubin of Reading, as a candidate from the 14th district (apparently for congressman).

100-3-9-A "DW", 10/2/40

(4)✓

SI 61-7559-A "DW", 10/2/40

(3)✓

SI 61-7559-A "DW", 4/13/40

(9)✓

Ben Rubin, Journalist, 525 Greenwich Street, Reading, ran for the office of Representative in Congress in 1940 on the CP ticket, State of Pennsylvania.

No Inft. given

NY letter, 6/27/41

with encl. of lists

Re: Persons Registering under

Communist Banner for Nov., 1940

Elections in NY, Pa. and Illinois.

100-16832-7

(14)✓

SI 61-7559-11741 p. 105

(9)✓

In the 11/1/40 issue of the "American Free Press" Carl Reeve was listed to be a speaker with Ben Rubin, Reading, over the radio, date not given.

Philadelphia rpt., 9/20/43

Re: Carl Reeve, was.; IS-C

100-12997-33 p. 11

(14)✓

Elmer Pyle, CPA member, appeared as a character witness for Ben Rubin in December, 1940, when Rubin was on trial for election laws violation and perjury. Pyle testified that Rubin had attended meetings of the National Farmers' Union.

Lee D. Stoltz, member of the Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, had signed a petition in 1940 demanding that charges against Rubin and the other Communists, be dropped.

Philadelphia files
Philadelphia rpt., 3/19/50
Re: Cominfil Natl. Farmers
Educational and Coop. Union
of America, etal; IS-C
100-45768-16 p. 31,32,34
(15)✓

According to records of James Marx, District Attorney, Reading, of the CP election petition trials in December, 1940, Ben Rubin admitted he was CP Secretary in Reading.

Max Putney appeared as a character witness for Rubin at the above trial stating he had known Rubin for 3 years. Putney admitted he had obtained signatures to nominating petitions for Rubin.

Mr. Marx advised that Rubin was tried, convicted and fined \$100 and sentenced to one to two years in prison.

Philadelphia rpt., 1/8/44
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was.;
IS-C
101-385-12
(19)✓
SI 2nd par. above
101-385-22
(19)✓

Paul J. Gernert, Warden, Berks County Prison, Reading, advised on 8/29/40 that the name Dr. Lee Terry appeared in the notebook of Ben Rubin when he was committed to the prison.

Rubin, in a judicial proceeding in December, 1940, admitted he had been a CP member for 5 or 6 years and in 1940, was an officer of the CP, being executive secretary. (no Inft.)

Philadelphia rpt., 7/9/54
Re: Dr. F. Lee Terry, wa.;
SM-C
100-412107-1
(19) ✓

The records of the trial of Ben Rubin held in Berks County Common Pleas Court in December, 1940, revealed that Mary Nelson had testified on behalf of Rubin.

Jas. G. Marx, Dist. Attny.
who made the records available
Philadelphia rpt., 9/21/44
Re: Mary Boyer Nelson; SM-C
100-333451-1
(18) ✓

In the December, 1940 session of Common Pleas Court, at the trial of Ben Rubin, Reading, Elmer Pyle was a character witness for Rubin.

Records of Rubin's trial made
available by Jas Marx,
Dist. Attny., Reading
Philadelphia rpt., 12/15/43
Re: Elmer King Pyle; SM-C
100-255256-1
(17) ✓
SI 100-255256-20
(17) ✓

According to the records of the trial of Ben Rubin in Berks County Court in December, 1940, Alvin Christman testified for Rubin.

Jas. G. Marx, Dist. Attny.
who made the records available
Philadelphia rpt., 10/11/44
Re: Alvin B. Christman; IS-C
100-334270-1
(18)✓

The name of Elizabeth P. Frazier appeared as a signer of a petition circulated by the Committee for Peoples Rights at the time of the investigation and trial of Ben Rubin (December, 1940).

Jas. F. Marx, Dist. Attny., Reading
Philadelphia rpt., 2/17/45
Re: Elizabeth Parrish Frazier; IS-C
100-339576-3
(18)✓

The Philadelphia Field Office files revealed that Dr. William Marius Malisoff, professor at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, NY, had signed a petition which was circulated at the time of the investigation, indictment and trial of Ben Rubin. (December, 1940)

Philadelphia rpt., 1/3/45
Re: Christian Mollmann
Gottschau; SM-J
77-14725-21 p. 27
(10)✓

James F. Marx, District Attorney, Reading, made available to the Philadelphia Office on 12/3/43, a letter on the stationery of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance which protested the indictment and trial of Ben Rubin and other CP members for fraud in circulating CP election petitions in Reading in 1940. Dr. Wilbur L. Mahaney was listed as a sponsor of the organization.

Philadelphia rpt., 3/23/48
Re: Dr. Wilbur L. Mahaney,
wa.; SM-C
100-352951-6 p. 5
(18)✓

On 12/3/43 James F. Marx, District Attorney, Reading, furnished the Philadelphia Field Office a letter dated 12/2/40 on the letterhead of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, Philadelphia, containing a list of sponsors which included James P McGranery. The letter was sent to Marx at the time of the trial of Ben Rubin for violation of the election code.

Philadelphia rpt., 4/9/52
Re: Jas. P. McGranery;
Departmental Applicant -
Attny: Gen.
77-10416-60 p. 84
(10)✓
SI 77-54129-6 p. 9
(10)✓
SI 123-5234-7
(21)✓

On 12/11/40 at the start of the trial of Ben Rubin, charged with nominating petition fraud, David Levinson, attorney, battled the prosecution's plan for a quick conviction by confounding the jury with a multiplicity of charges and hampering the defense with several separate court actions scheduled simultaneously.

61-7559-A "DW", 12/12/40
(9) ✓

Edward Weand's name was found in a notebook in the possession of Ben Rubin, 420 Wood Street, Reading.
(No date or Inft. given)

Philadelphia letter, 12/30/40
Re: Edward Weand, Sr.; IS-R
61-10762-1
(10) ✓
SI 61-10762-4
(10) ✓

Stanley Levan of the Berkshire News Company, Reading, stated that during the time Lydia Jean Hillis was employed at the Berkshire News Company from 1937 to 1939 she associated with Ben Rubin and other known Communists in Reading. FOIA b 7 - D

James F. Marx, Berks County District Attorney, made available a letter from Informant ☐ dated 8/31/40, which stated that Hillis who had signed CP nomination papers in 1940 had "last registered as a Democrat" and was "known to be the consort of Ben Rubin and living in the Communist nest at 525 Greenwich Street."

A Pennsylvania State Police report dated 7/7/41 described Hillis as "the girl friend" of Rubin.

The records of The Beryllium Corporation, Temple, show that as of 1941 Rubin resided at 126 S. 9th Street, Reading, which was also the address of Hillis.

Inft. A: Congressman Guy L. Moser
Philadelphia rpt., 12/7/43
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, was.; SM-C
101-549-4
(20)✓

[] furnished the Philadelphia Office with lists of individuals who had, as of 1941, signed CP nomination papers. The name Ben Rubin, 525 Greenwich Street, Reading, appeared on one of the lists. FOIA, b. 7 - D

Philadelphia letter. 3/18/41
Re: Conf. Inft. [] IS-R
100-16832-2
(14)✓

The National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners was renamed the Committee for Peoples Rights and was located at 100 Fifth Avenue, NY City. The committee worked together with the Berks County Civil Liberties Committee on the cases then (January, 1941) in the courts in Reading, of Ben Rubin and others.

CI J. Morris
NY Letter, 1/18/41 with
encl. of Inft. rpt. of 1/10/41
Re: Communist Activity in US;
Neutrality Act
61-7565-448
(10)✓

On 1/1/41 Leonard Titelman, on behalf of the Berks County Civil Liberties Committee, served as attorney for Ben Rubin and others who had circulated CP petitions and were being prosecuted at Reading.

No Inft. given
Philadelphia rpt., 6/3/44
Re: Leonard R. Titelman, was.;
SM-C
100-240520-2
(16)✓

District Attorney James G. Marx would be a witness in the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade case who would introduce as an exhibit, a letter dated 1/14/41 which the Veteran organization had forwarded to Marx in Reading, protesting a case against Ben Rubin for an election code violation.

NY Prosecutive rpt., 10/5/52
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.; IS-C
100-7060-618 p. 32
(13)✓

As of March, 1941, among the associates of Morris Cohen was one Harold John, Reading, whose father was a known CP member who had posted bail for Ben Rubin.

No Inft. given
Philadelphia rpt., 3/29/41
Re: Morris Cohen; IS-R
100-17544-1
(14)✓

At a CP mass meeting held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Reading on 2/12/41 Ben Rubin was observed introducing Phil Frankfeld, Sec. of the CP in Eastern Pennsylvania, as the principal speaker. In his remarks, Rubin told the audience that the FBI and Dies Committee were planning to outlaw the CP, that they daily violated the Bill of Rights.

Philadelphia letter, 2/23/41
Re: Communist Meeting, Reading,
Pa.
61-7559-11510
(9)✓

Records in the office of James F. Marx, District Attorney for Berks County, indicated that Max Putney, Ben Rubin and others were co-defendants in a charge of conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with circulating CP nominating petitions in March, 1940.

In an interview with Putney by WPA investigator on 3/11/41, Putney admitted that at the request of Rubin, he had obtained signatures on CP nominating petitions, one being for Rubin as candidate for Congress.

WPA rpt. with WPA letter
of 3/29/41
101-385-1
(19)/

A WPA report on Harry E. Brown, 3200 Raymond Street, Laureldale, Pennsylvania reflected that Brown was very friendly with Ben Rubin in 1940.

Nomination papers in the office of the Pennsylvania State Secretary reflected that Brown circulated CP nominating petitions in behalf of Rubin for Congressman in 1940.

Records of the Pennsylvania State Motor Police revealed that on 9/27/40 Brown was active in the Berks County CP and met Rubin.

Brown on 3/12/41 in an interview by WPA investigator stated that through his association with the Workers' Alliance, became acquainted with Rubin. He also stated that Rubin obtained a room at 525 Greenwich Street in Reading, same house that Brown lived in.

On interview by WPA investigator on 3/13/41, Walter A. Ringler, Reading Postmaster, stated Rubin had received CP publications.

On interview by WPA investigator on 3/6/41, Mrs. Elinor Stayman who lived next door to Brown and Rubin, said she knew them by sight.

WPA rpt., enclosed with
WPA letter, 4/3/41
101-363-1
(19)✓

In early 1941 James Weyman of Reading was reportedly a close associate of Ben Rubin. Weyman admitted close association with Rubin and had circulated CP nominating petitions at Rubin's request because he believed the CP platform to be truly democratic. He believed Rubin, candidate for Congressman, and other CP candidates were the most capable for the offices. (Criminal Identification Records of Pennsylvania State Motor Police at Harrisburg.)

On interview by WPA investigator, Myra M. Hoffman, WPA stenographer in Reading, on 3/5/41, stated she had seen Weyman in company with Rubin at a CP newsstand at 5th and Penn Streets in Reading.

On 3/12/41 on interview by WPA investigator, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, 226 North 6th Street, Reading, who lived next door to Weyman, stated she knew Weyman to be an associate of Rubin's.

Weyman, on interview by WPA investigator on 3/7/41, stated he considered Rubin a true Democrat and favored Rubin's candidacy for Congress on the CP ticket.

Terrence Doyle, Reading City Adderman, on interview by WPA investigator on 3/14/41, stated that shortly after Rubin became associated with the Workers' Alliance about two years previously, Rubin, Weyman and two others gained control of the organization and large numbers of members left the group.

WPA report enclosed with letter from
WPA, 4/3/41
101-364-1
(19)✓

A WPA report on John Duszkievicz as of 6/27/40 reflected that he associated with Ben Rubin.

Nomination papers filed by the CP in the 14th Pennsylvania Congressional District on file in the office of the Secretary of State included petitions for Rubin as a candidate for Congress on the CP ticket.

Duszkievicz was interviewed by WPA investigator on 3/11/41 and 3/14/41. During the interview he stated he associated with Rubin. He became acquainted with Rubin through activities in the Workers' Alliance and Rubin had asked him to become a member of the CP. Duszkievicz admitted circulating CP nominating petitions.

The following people were interviewed by WPA investigator and stated they knew Duszkievicz to be an associate of Rubins:

George A. Williams, WPA Timekeeper in Reading, on 2/21/42. Edward Weand, WPA laborer, on 3/13/41. Terrence Doyle, Alderman of the City of Reading, on 3/14/41. John M. Body, WPA foreman in Reading, on 3/14/41.

WPA report with
WPA letter of 3/29/41
101-390-1
(20)✓

In a WPA investigation of Lydia Jean Hillis on 3/27/41, she admitted CP membership but claimed to have resigned (verbally) to Ben Rubin in Reading, in the summer of 1939.

Mrs. Ruth Wade, landlady where Hillis lived in 1940, was interviewed on 3/28/41 and she stated Hillis shared Rubin's Communistic views.

Pennsylvania State Motor Police index card listed Hillis as the common-law-wife of Rubin. (no date)

Henry Davidow, proprietor of Bershire News Company, Reading, was interviewed on 3/27/41 and he stated he had dismissed Hillis from his employ in December, 1938, because of her association with Rubin.

On interviews with Charles Tully, Berks County detective, on 3/27/41, and with Terrence Doyle, City Alderman, on 3/28/41, they stated they knew Hillis to be an associate of Rubin's. Also, John Body, WPA foreman, on 3/27/41 stated he knew Hillis as an associate of Rubin and others in the Workers' Alliance. Mrs. Althea Kromer, landlady at 620 Elm Street, Reading, on interview of 3/27/41, stated Hillis rented a room in her house on 11/30/40 where she was still residing. Kromer stated Rubin called on Hillis.

WPA rpt., enclosed with
WPA letter, 5/5/41
101-549-1
(20) ✓

The records of the Berks County Court reflected that there had been a truebill returned against Ben Rubin charging him with perjury and violation of election laws. Rubin had 12 different indictments against him, six for perjury, five for election law violations and one for conspiracy.

Rubin had been tried on one indictment for election law violation and one for perjury and found guilty. He was also tried on four other indictments, two for election law violations and two for perjury and found guilty on one perjury charge and applied for a new trial on that charge. The motion for his new trial would come up for hearing on 4/7/41.

Philadelphia rpt., 7/5/41
Re: Frank Hellman; Esp.-R
98-200-31
(11)✓
SI 98-200-48
(11)✓

As of May, 1941, Ben Rubin, Reading, was considered an associate of Rufus A. Sherman.

No inft. given
Philadelphia rpt., 5/27/41
Re: Rufus A. Sherman; IS-R
100-27220-1X
(14)✓

On 5/5/41, Congressman Guy L. Moser forwarded to the Bureau a newspaper clipping of a letter printed in the "Reading Times" which had been written by Rev. Max Putney of Reading who was under indictment with other CP members for fraud in circulating nominating petitions for Ben Rubin. Rubin ran for Congress in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1940.

Letter from Congressman Moser,
5/5/41
65-15377-11
(10)✓

A memo from the Department of Justice dated 12/31/41 enclosed a list of names including Ben Rubin, 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, on whom INS reported "unable to identify".

Serial described above
100-2-2637
(11)✓

At the office of the Sheriff of Berks County, Reading, in about February, 1942, Bureau Agent talked with Clarence Barbour, deputy, and he called one Floyd Miller of 1028 North 5th Street, Reading, whom Barbour said had been on the WPA and would be reliable. Miller recalled that one William Huetsch, brother of William Huetsch who had been on the WPA Writer's project, made fun of Ben Rubin and some of the other Communists in Reading.

Philadelphia rpt., 2/14/42
Re: William T. Huetsch; IS-
Hatch Act
101-4526-2
(20)✓

As of 5/14/52 Ben Rubin, Executive Secretary CP, Reading and Berks County; Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 126 S. 9th St., Reading, was on the CP Key Figure list in the Philadelphia Office.

Phila. letter, 5/28/42

Re: CP, USA;;

IS-R

100-3-7-103

(11)✓

ONI furnished information furnished a copy of diagram dated 4/1/42 concerning CP set-up in Pennsylvania which listed Ben Rubin as one of the organizers of District 3.

Encl. of ONI CP Diagram
with letter of 4/25/42
100-3-7-93 encl. p. 4
(11)✓

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The records of the Local Draft Board, Waterbury, Conn., revealed that Nathan Abrams listed as part of his family, Ben Rubin, a cousin, when he registered under date of 5/23/42.

NY rpt., 1/24/44
Re: Nathan Abrams;
SM-C
100-253431-2
(17)✓

In August, 1942, Albert Edwards asked Charles Stein of Reading, to lecture to a group. Stein asked if it was the group to which Ben Rubin belonged and Edwards said it was.

No Inft. given
Philadelphia rpt., 3/11/43
Re: Albert Richard Edwards;
IS-R
100-190627-1
(16)✓

As of August, 1942, Ben Rubin, Executive Secretary, CP, Reading and Berks County; Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was listed in the Phila. Office as one of the more active CP members in District 3.

Phila. rpt., 8/22/42
Re: CP, USA, Dist. 3;
IS-R
100-3-7-131, p. 14
(11) ✓
SI 100-3-7-141
(11) ✓

As of August, 1942, contacts with [] in Philadelphia had revealed the identity of out-of-town CP leaders such as Harry Brown and Ben Rubin at Reading.

Philadelphia letter. 9/1/42
 Re: Conf. Inft. []
 CP, USA; IS-C
 100-3-7-122
 (11)✓

Examination of City Directories of Reading, prior to 1942, revealed that Martin Misavage, had resided at 525 Greenwich Street along with Ben Rubin and Harry E. Brown.

During the trial of Brown in 1941 for election fraud in 1940, he testified that Rubin was a member of the Workers' Alliance and was its educational director. Brown also testified that Rubin had come to him requesting aid in getting signatures to place Rubin and the CP on the ballot.

On 12/4/42 Dave Levinson, attorney for Brown and Rubin, told Ben Weiss, prominent Philadelphia CP functionary, that the Rubin and Brown cases were being argued.

(Highly confidential source)

Philadelphia rpt., 7/22/43
 Re: Harry Elwood Brown;
 Custodial Detention
 101-363-7
 (19)✓

As of 6/23/42 David Levinson intended to give up his law practice but apparently he continued on with the case of Ben Rubin and Harry Brown as he argued the case before the Supreme Court on 12/4/42. Levinson alleged the Rubin-Brown case should have been tried under the Pennsylvania Election Code instead of being charged with perjury under the State Penal Code.

[REDACTED] FOIA b 7 - D

Philadelphia rpt., 5/15/43
Re: David Levinson, wa.;
Custodial Detention-R
100-17526-11
(14) ✓

Prior to late November, 1942 Ben Rubin, CP Secretary in Waterbury, had registered Ann Bernstein Brown as a CP member before she left for California.

[REDACTED]
New Haven rpt., 4/9/43
Re: Ann Bernstein Brown;
IS-C
100-197858-1
(16) ✓
SI 100-197858-14
(16) ✓
SI 100-197858-33
(16) ✓

On 12/22/42 Andrew Onda remonstrated Ben Rubin for his poor work on the registration of Communists in Waterbury.

[REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - D)

New Haven rpt., 4/28/43
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda;
IS-R
100-9339-28
(13) J

On 12/23/42 Isadore Wofsy, Secretary of the CP 15th District, was disturbed over the situation in the Mine, Mill and Smelters' union in Waterbury and in that regard, asked Ben Rubin, who may be one and the same as Al Skinner, what the "sure people" were doing in Waterbury regarding John Driscoll. (Apparently Driscoll was an anti-Communist union leader.) Rubin stated that they had issued a leaflet for the rank and file members and Driscoll had also published a leaflet. Rubin also advised Wofsy that there were 4 CP branches in Waterbury. To date, Rubin

stated he had registered 16 members in the Scovill Branch, 20 in the Chase Branch, 12 in the American Brass Branch and 13 in the Street Branch.

[redacted]
New Haven letter, 12/30/42
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-112
(12) ✓

FOIA b 7 - D

Lydia Jean Hillis was an associate of Ben Rubin.
(no date; [redacted])

George H. Carrington, employee of the Waterbury Post Office, advised that Hillis was living with Rubin at 197 Willow Street in 1943. Hillis received mail addressed to Jean Hillis and also Mrs. Ben Rubin.

New Haven rpt., 10/27/43
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;
SM-C
101-549-3
(20) ✓

In early 1943 Benjamin Rubin took over the position of Michael Russo who was CP City Secretary in Waterbury.

No Inft. given
New Haven Summary Memo, 2/25/43
Re: Nationalistic Tendency Chart,
15th District; CP, USA
100-3-29-129
(4) ✓

The Bureau received an undated anonymous communication in January, 1943 which called attention to the fact that Lt. Solon C. Phillips of Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania and stationed in El Paso, Texas, was a friend of Ben Rubin of Reading who had been arrested for his CP activities. The writer asked if Phillips should not be kept under surveillance as he had been most anxious that B. Rubin be released from jail.

Communication as above
100-32559-5
(14)✓

The "DW" for 1/7/43 carried an article on "Court Reverses CP Convictions". The article stated that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania had reversed the lower court decisions in the Reading CP nominating petition cases and set aside the convictions of Ben Rubin and Harry Brown on perjury charges.

100-3-7-A "DW", 1/7/43
(11)✓

On 2/25/43 Charles Flaherty advised Andrew Wofsy, CP District Secretary, that a CP meeting had been arranged for 3/5/43. Flaherty also told Wofsy that Ben Rubin who had been hospitalized in NY City would be back that week end.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New Haven rpt., 3/31/43
Re: Charles Jack Flaherty;
IS-C
100-195669-1
(16)✓

On 3/22/43 Andrew Onda, Organizational CP Secretary, explained to Dorothy Bloom while she was at the CP office in New Haven, the functions of the CP State Committee and CP State Bureau. He stated the State Bureau was to be enlarged to include four new members two of which would be Bloom and Ben Rubin.

FOIA(b)(7) - D

New Haven rpt., 4/5/43
Re: Dorothy Bloom, was.;
IS-R
100-72786-10, p. 4
(15)✓

The CP State Committee chose the membership of the State Bureau which acted for the State Committee when it was not in session. As of the latter part of March, 1943, Ben Rubin of Waterbury was one of the new members appointed to the CP State Bureau.

New Haven letter, 3/31/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-144
(12)✓

As of April, 1943, Ben Rubin was one of the main followers of the CP line in the Scovill Brass Workers Union Local 569, Waterbury.

FOIA (b) (7) - (D)

[redacted]
New Haven rpt., 4/27/43
Re: Cominfil IUMMSW-CIO;
IS-C
100-108199-206 p. 10
(15) ✓
SI 100-108199-363 p. 8
(28) ✓
SI 100-108199-270 p. 9
(41) ✓

As of April, 1943, Ben Rubin who had been subsidized by the CP to act as organizer and functionary in Waterbury for a short time, had not made good as far as the CP leaders were concerned and had taken employment in a shop in Waterbury.

[redacted]
New Haven rpt., 4/16/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-153 p. 45
(12) ✓

Ben Rubin, Waterbury, was one of the members of the Editorial Board of the "News of Connecticut" all of whom were known Communists. "News of Connecticut" was the official publication of the Conference of Social and Labor Legislation with offices at 87 Orange Street, New Haven. (no date or info. given)

New Haven rpt., 4/5/43
Re: Irvin Nathan Ives; IS-C
100-40219-10
(15) ✓

As of 5/1/43 Benjamin Rubin was. Bernard Rubin, and Ben Rubin, of Waterbury, was a key figure in the CP 15th District. He was a member of the State Committee, secretary of the Waterbury Section and a leader of Communist members in IUMMSW Locals in Waterbury and Torrington.

New Haven letter, 5/1/43 with
encl. of CP Key Figure list
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-167
(4, 12, 38)✓

On 5/21/43 Isadore Wofsy instructed Ben Rubin of Waterbury to attend a CP State Bureau meeting the following day at 37 Howe Street, New Haven.

FOIA b 7 - D

New Haven rpt., 8/17/43
Re: Isadore Wofsy; IS-C
100-27795-50, p. 2
(14)✓

Ben Rubin had been invited to attend a CP State Bureau meeting on 5/22/43 held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, but he did not appear. [REDACTED]

Rubin attended a CP State Committee meeting on 5/30/43 held at 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven. Rubin spoke on the State CIO Conference held on 5/23/43 in New Haven.
[REDACTED]

New Haven rpt., 7/14/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-198, p. 10, 11
(12)✓

As of summer, 1943, Madeline Johnson and Ben Rubin were close friends. Johnson and Rubin were cooperating in an effort to become more active in the union at Scoville Mfg. Company, Waterbury. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

William M. Black, Factory Superintendent at Scoville Mfg. Company stated that Edna Kane and Rubin associated with Johnson in union activities.

New Haven rpt., 8/27/43
Re: Madeline Dunne Johnson;
SM-C
100-227788-1
(16)✓

Ben Rubin was one of six Communists accused of making false representations to signers of nominating petitions in 1940 and freed on 6/15/43 on motion of State District Attorney. (Completely reliable, confirmed source.)

MID rpt., 6/29/43
100-7660-1445
(13)✓
SI 100-7660-1459
(13)✓

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In connection with the meeting of the Second Full State Committee of the CP held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, on 6/20/43, Sam Darcy, CP State Secretary, gave a talk over radio station WEEU. In the talk he stated that the recent freeing of Harry Brown and Ben Rubin by the local county court was a victory for civil liberties.

Inft. not given
Philadelphia rpt., 7/15/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-R
100-3-7-393 p. 27
(11)✓

FOIA(b) 7 - D

A list made up in July or August, 1943 which was given to [] by Michael Russo, Executive Secretary of the Waterbury CP, contained the name of Ben Rubin. This list was apparently a list of all members of various CP branches in Waterbury.

New Haven rpt., 2/4/44
Re: Nathan Abrams; SM-C
100-253431-3
(17)✓

Ben Rubin stated that half the funds from a picnic held 8/1/43 in Waterbury and sponsored by the Lithuanian Workers Association, were to go to the "DW". Rubin had requested Andrew Onda, CP District Secretary, to speak at the picnic but he had other engagements which prevented him from doing so.

Rubin advised Onda that at a recent CP meeting (apparently in about July, 1943) he had gotten 25 "DW" subscriptions.

[redacted] (b)(7) - (D)

New Haven rpt., 9/7/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-216 p. 60, 69
(12)✓

At a meeting of the Waterbury CP Section on 9/28/43 held at CP headquarters in Waterbury, Ben Rubin spoke on "The Future of the Unions in Waterbury."

[redacted]
New Haven rpt., 12/14/43
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-267 p. 64
(12, 38)✓

Bernard Rubin was a member of the Waterbury CP Executive Committee as of October, 1943.

CP Chart, New Haven Div.
New Haven letter, 10/13/43
Re: CP Chart, USA
100-3-29-232
(38)✓

As of 11/8/43 Andrew Onda, Secretary of CP 15th District, mentioned Janet Vigezzi as one of the Comrades from the Waterbury CP Section, along with Ben Rubin and Michael Russo.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

New Haven rpt., 3/5/52
Re: Janet Murray Blair
Rhodes Vigezzi, was.;
SM-C
100-4310-48, p. 8
(13)✓

At a regular meeting of the CP Branch in Waterbury, held at the Russian Hall, 11/10/43 Ben Rubin told of Michael Russo having been elected temporary chairman of an Italian meeting held the previous Sunday evening in Waterbury.

[REDACTED]
New Haven rpt., 1/12/44
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;
IS-C
100-268439-9
(17)✓

On 11/10/43 David Goldstein attended a meeting of the Waterbury CP Branch at Russian Hall, Waterbury. At this meeting he was called upon by Ben Rubin, who was acting chairman, to speak on his experiences in the mass Jewish organizations in Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New Haven rpt., 1/10/44
Re: David Goldstein; SM-C
100-197641-5
(16)✓

Nathan Abrams' employment card which Mr. E. V. Bradley, Personnel Director of Scovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, exhibited, reflected that Abrams had resided at 51 Thompson St., residence of Bernard (Ben) Rubin in December, 1943.

Mr. George Carrington, an employee of the Waterbury Post Office, advised that Abrams was a friend of Rubin.

New Haven rpt., 12/11/43
Re: Nathan Abrams; SM-C
100-253431-1
(17, 42)✓

At the CP State Convention held in Bridgeport on 12/11-12/43, Bernard Rubin alias Ben Rubin was elected to the State Committee.

No Inft. given
New Haven letter, 12/21/43
Re: Communist Chart
100-326-32-1
(12, 39)✓

At the 12/12/43 session of the CP State Convention held at 493 Charles Street, Bridgeport, Bernard (Ben) Rubin spoke on the situation in the IUMMSW in Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

At the Convention, Rubin was elected as a member of the CP State Committee from Waterbury. ()

Bernard Rubin was one of the elected delegates from Waterbury to the Convention. ()

New Haven rpt., 1/22/44
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-290 p. 10,13,25,27
(12, 38)

In 1944, Andrew Onda contacted Ben Rubin in an attempt to have Rubin establish contacts for him with leaders of Local 569, IUMMSW in Waterbury. Onda was to contact James Sullivan, President of Local 569, which contact was made through Rubin.

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New Haven rpt., 6/24/44
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda,
wa.; IS-C
100-9339-80
(13)

The Personnel Office of Chase Brass and Copper Company, Waterbury, advised that from June, 1943 to January, 1944 Lydia Jean Hillis claimed no exemption under the withholding tax law. Information acquired previously indicated that Bernard (Ben) Rubin, Hillis' husband, had claimed the entire exemption on paying his income tax.

New Haven rpt., 8/9/44
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis,
was.; SM-C
101-549-8
(20) J

As of early 1944, the CP had abandoned its office located at 247 South Main Street, Waterbury and were holding meetings at the Russian Hall, 100 North Elm Street. Ben Rubin was then chairman of the Labor Committee. (DIA b1 (7) - (D) [redacted])

Barnard (Ben) Rubin was on the Convention Resolutions Committee and the State Committee at the CP State Convention held in Bridgeport on 12/11-12/43. He spoke on CIO work in Waterbury. ([redacted])

As of early 1944, Ben Rubin was chairman of the Educational Committee of Local 569 Scovill Manufacturing Company, IUMMSW. In that office he was reported to be completely controlled by Robert Walkinshaw, International Organizer and an anti-Communist who was aware of Rubin's CP history. ([redacted])

New Haven rpt., 3/6/44
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-312 p. 74,75,93
(12) J

On the circulation list of the "Worker" and "DW" for Oklahoma and Arkansas as of 1/31/44, there appeared the name Cpl. Ben Rubin, 322 Eng. SQD 91, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, 7-3-44-MR W (the meaning of the initials not stated).

FOIA(b)(7) - D

[redacted] who maintained a trash cover on CP headquarters, Empire Bldg., Oklahoma City Oklahoma City rpt., 3/15/45 Re: CPA, Dist. 31; IS-C 100-3-52-188, p. 15 (12)✓

As of March, 1944, Mr. Walter A. Jarvis, Personnel Director of Chase Metal Works, Waterbury, furnished information from the personnel record of Gillian Morin to the effect that she gave the name of Miss Hillis, 197 Willow Street, as a reference. (address of Lydia Jean Hillis, wife of Ben Rubin.)

From this and because she had lived in Reading, it was believed that she was acquainted with Hillis and Rubin.

New Haven rpt., 3/14/44
Re: Gillian Fisk Morin;
SM-C
100-287750-1
(17) ✓

At a meeting of the Waterbury CP Branch on 1/5/44, Lydia Jean Hillis nominated Barnard (Ben) Rubin as Chairman of the Labor Committee. FOIA b1 7 - D

On 3/7/44 T-1 advised that Ben Rubin told him that he (Rubin) was married, his wife being Hillis and that she was in the hospital in NY City and expected to be released that day. Rubin said he did not know if Hillis would return to Waterbury or go to a place near Reading to convalesce.

T-1: Geo. F. O'Connor,
Internal Rev. Agt. in
Waterbury who assisted
Rubin prepare his
Income Tax report.
New Haven rpt., 3/13/44
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;
SM-C
101-549-6
(20, 33) ✓

As of April, 1944, Ben Rubin, CP leader of Waterbury, was reported to have entered the Merchant Marine Service.
(Usually reliable, probably true source.)

MID rpt., 5/2/44
100-7660-2139
(13) ✓

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As of April, 1944, Barnard (Ben) Rubin had been elected and installed as a Co-Chairman of the CP Labor Committee in Waterbury. As of July, 1943, Rubin's name appeared on the Waterbury CP membership list. [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - D,

In the spring of 1944, Rubin was elected Warden of Local 569 of the IUMMSW, CIO, in Waterbury. Rubin had been confined to a NY City hospital during January and February, 1944. [REDACTED]

On 1/6/44 Rubin arranged with Andrew Onda, CP District Secretary, to attend the CP National Plenum in NY City the following day. [REDACTED]

New Haven rpt., 4/17/44
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-327 p. 84,85,95
(12,✓24)✓

On 4/12/44 Andrew Onda, CP District Executive Secretary, in talking to Paul Bloom, CP Treasurer, and [REDACTED] stated that Michael Russo, Executive Secretary of the Waterbury CP, and Ben Rubin (then in the US Army) were the best at recruiting CP members in Waterbury, but they lacked time and it was impossible to work freely.

New Haven rpt., 7/4/44
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-357 p. 49
(12)✓

The New Haven Office advised by letter dated 7/17/44 that Bernard Rubin, active CP figure in Reading until late 1942 and thereafter active in the CP at Waterbury, had listed Josephine Truslow Adams as a reference on a personal security questionnaire in October, 1943. Rubin had, on 4/16/44, contacted a Miss Adams in NY City.
(No Inft. given)


NY rpt., 9/9/44
Re: Josephine Truslow
Adams; SM-C
100-22337-26
(40) ✓

On 4/17/44 Ben Rubin had James Sullivan, President of Local 569 of IUMMSW, to lunch at his home in Waterbury. Rubin had arranged with Andrew Onda to "drop in" at that time and Rubin would approach Sullivan about joining the CP. Informant stated Rubin was joining the Merchant Marines and ^{was} to leave for service about 4/19/44. ₁

FOIA (b) (7) - (D)

New Haven Letter, 4/26/44
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda; IS-C
100-9339-73
(13) ✓

On 4/18/44 Michael Russo told Andrew Onda, District CP Secretary, that there would be a CP meeting on 4/19/44 in Waterbury at which a man about whom Ben Rubin had spoken, would be present. It was believed that the man referred to was James Sullivan, President of Local 569, IUMMSW, CIO.


New Haven rpt., 5/8/44
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;
IS-C
100-268439-14
(17) ✓

On 4/21/44 Andrew Onda, CP District Executive Secretary, told Paul Bloom, CP District Chairman, that he regarded Michael Russo and Barnard (Ben) Rubin as the best CP members in Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) D

New Haven rpt., 6/23/44
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;
IS-C
100-268439-15
(17, 29)✓

Early in March, 1944, when Barnard (Ben) Rubin made out his income tax, he stated that his wife, Lydia Jean Hillis, would prepare a separate return. (Gabriel Price, Head of Int. Rev. Office, Waterbury.)

Between 1/15/44 and 5/11/44 Hillis did not attend any CP functions sponsored by the Waterbury CP. The only remark regarding Hillis which the Informants heard during that time was that made by Rubin stating he was going into the Army but that his wife would continue to work. As of May, 1944, Rubin was serving in the Army.

New Haven rpt., 5/22/44
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;
SM-C
101-549-7
(20, 33)✓

According to information in the "Volunteer for Liberty" for November, 1943. January, February, March, May, June and July, 1944 and [redacted] Benjamin Rubin was one of the members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade then in the armed services.

FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 9/8/44
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7060-249
(5)✓

On 7/7/44 Leah Leopold attended an educational meeting of the Waterbury CPA. During the meeting she mentioned her brother, Barnard (Ben) Rubin, former chairman of the Waterbury Labor Committee.

[redacted]
New Haven rpt., 7/12/50
Re: Riena Leopold Macklin, ^{was} Staff nurse -
~~was~~ Employee, Fed. Sec.
Agency: LGE
121-22779-6
(21,✓ 34,✓ 48)✓
SI 100-284849-2
(17,✓ 29)✓

As of August, 1944, Barnard Rubin who had been warden of Local 569, Scovill Brass Works Union, and chairman of the CP labor committee in Waterbury, was in the Army.

[REDACTED] D

New Haven rpt., 8/29/44
Re: Cominfil IUMMSW-CIO;
IS-C
100-108199-354 p. 6
(15, 28)✓

At a meeting of the Waterbury Chapter of the United Nations Association held at the Women's Club in Waterbury on 10/9/44, Lillian Beer told Michael Russo, President of the Waterbury CPA, that Ben Rubin had had the unpleasant experience of his past catch up with him with the result that he was no longer in the paratroopers.

[REDACTED]

New Haven rpt., 11/14/44
Re: Lillian Beer, wa.;
SM-C
100-305049-3
(18)✓

The records of the NY City Clerk, Marriage License Bureau, reflected that Lydia Jean Hillis married Joseph Wischner on 4/25/47 in NY City. She had previously been married to Barnard Rubin which marriage was annulled on 10/10/44 in Queens, NY because of a fraud.

The Pennsylvania Motor Police report of 9/14/40 revealed that Rubin came to Reading in 1940 and became active in CP activities, circulating CP nominating petitions. The State Motor Police further advised that Rubin was tried for election fraud in December, 1940, and found guilty.

On instructions from James Marx, Berks County District Attorney, Rubin was arrested for election code violation and perjury.

NY rpt., 10/19/54
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, was.;
SM-C
101-549-16
(33) ✓

A letter in the Philadelphia Office (date not given) on the stationery of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, contained a complaint from that organization that Ben Rubin and others were being persecuted because of their Communist connections. The letterhead carried the name of Rev. Dr. John MacCallum as one of the sponsors.

Philadelphia rpt., 10/21/44
Re: Rev. Dr. John Archibald
MacCallum; SM-C
100-334785-1
(18) ✓

A mail cover on the home of Max Putney, 513 Oley Street, Reading, revealed that on 11/17/44 he received mail from Pvt. Barnard Rubin, Co. D2, Reg. 4th Ord., California. Again on 12/5/44 he received mail from Rubin, Cas. Co. 37, APO 15569, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

On 7/23/42 Phil Dorfman, CP attorney, while at CP headquarters in Philadelphia, said he wanted Ben Rubin, Putney, Carl Reeve and Harry Brown, defendants in election law violation and perjury case in Berks County, to be in Sam Darcy's office at CP headquarters for a meeting the following Monday.

FOIA(b)7 - D

Philadelphia rpt., 1/31/45
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was.;
IS-C
101-385-15
(19, 33)✓

On 4/29/45 at an IWO meeting held at the home of Martin Misavage, Reading, Sigmund Lurio, CPA supporter, obtained the addresses of Lt. Solon Phillips and Private Barnard Rubin. Phillips and Rubin were CP members who were then assigned to the Pacific theater of war.

Philadelphia rpt., 4/12/47
Re: Martin Misavage; SM-C
100-261516-7
(29)✓

Solon Phillips attended meetings at West Leesport, Pennsylvania in company with Ben Rubin. Both Phillips and his wife spent considerable time in Berks County securing character witnesses for Rubin prior to his trial for violation of the Election Code. (Unknown source; no date given)

In December, 1940 during a trial in the Common Pleas Court of Berks County, Reading, Rubin admitted he was CP secretary in Reading and that Solon Phillips was one of his character witnesses. (James Marx, former Dist. Attny., Berks County.)

FOIA b 7 - D

On 4/30/45 at a CP meeting held at the home of Martin Misavage in Reading, [] received the name of Barnard Rubin as one of the members of the Berks County CP Club then serving in the armed forces. His address was Co. 37, APO 15569, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Philadelphia rpt., 9/2/47
Re: Solon C. Phillips, was.;
SM-C
100-32559-11 p. 6, 7
(14, 27) ✓
SI 1st par. above
100-32559-12 Usually reliable,
(14) ✓ probably true source (MID)
SI 1st par. above
100-32559-13 Usually reliable,
(14) ✓ probably true source (MID)

Barnard Rubin was listed as a contributor to Far Eastern Survey, having contributed one item of $\frac{1}{2}$ page in 1946.

The above information was from information furnished by W. C. Gilbert, Acting Director of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., on 6/16/52 to the McCarran Committee.

Hearings before the Subcommittee
to Investigate the Administration
of the IS Act and other IS Laws,
82nd Congress, Second Session on
The Institute of Pacific Relations
100-64700-1215 p. 5599
(41) ✓

The Customs Officials found among data in Mrs. Calvin Sakamoto's baggage on 10/30/47, a newspaper clipping headed "Mitsubishi's Seventy-five Companies Wield Vast Power" by Barnard Rubin, dated 1/19/46. The article showed the industrial holdings and affiliated firms controlled by that powerful industrial organization.

Honolulu rpt., 2/28/49
Re: Mrs. Calvin Kiyoki
Sakamoto, was.; SM-C
100-353552-4 p. 40
(31)✓

A story in the "DW" (apparently in February, 1946) asked "Is Kagawa Mac Arthur's Pal?" The paper claimed that Cpl. Bernard Rubin of the "Stars and Stripes" Pacific edition, was removed because of his expose of Toyohiko Kagawa, supporter of Japanese imperialism. Rubin stated that Mrs. Genevieve Topping, an American who acted as Kagawa's secretary and broadcast for the Jap government during the war urging American women to cease helping the war effort, was in touch with General Headquarters and therefore immune to investigation. Rubin charged that he was forbidden to write about Kagawa in his column and that Kagawa stood so high with General Headquarters that he, Rubin, was being exiled to Okinawa.

MID rpt., 3/11/46
100-7660-3740
(39)✓

The "DW" and "PM" during February, 1946, featured stories of the transfer of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin to Okinawa.

MID rpt., 2/18/46
100-7660-3668
(39)✓

Barnard Rubin who was removed from the editorial staff of the "Stars and Stripes" in February, 1946 had been an active CP member in Waterbury. Rubin was a native of Brooklyn and as of October, 1940, was CP secretary in Reading, Pennsylvania. He ran for election on CP ticket in Connecticut and served one year with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. He was co-chairman of the CP Labor Committee in Waterbury. In the Army Rubin denied being a Communist, stating he had resigned before being inducted. As of May, 1944 Rubin was inactive in the Waterbury CP but maintained contact with the CP state office. (Completely reliable, confirmed source)

MID rpt., 3/1/46
100-7660-3757
(26) ✓

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During late February, 1946, 24 members of Washington State Legislature joined three congressmen in asking a thorough War Department investigation of the transfer of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from their posts on the Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" in Tokyo. JAPAN

MID rpt., 3/2/46
100-7660-3778
(39) ✓

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Articles and editorials in February, 1946 editions of the CP press criticized the dismissal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from the staff of "Stars and Stripes". An editorial by Washington State Congressman Hugh DeLacy requested an inquiry into the question be made before the soldier's press became the officer's and War Department press.

MID rpt., 3/16/46
100-7660-3769
(39)✓

An article datelined Tokyo, 2/11/46, by Mark Gayn, apparently from the "Chicago Sun" stated that Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa emerged as one of the keys to the dismissal of Sgt. Ken Pettus and Corp. Barnard Rubin from the staff of "Pacific Stars and Stripes". The article stated Rubin had carried on a one man campaign against Kagawa.

Charlotte memo, 9/18/50
Re: Toyohiko Kagawa; IS-J
100-41138-38
(27)✓

On 2/11/46 the "Seattle Star" and "Seattle Times" newspapers carried articles concerning Kenneth L. Pettus and Barnard Rubin, both enlisted Army men who had been dismissed from the Army's newspaper "Pacific Stars and Stripes".

Seattle letter, 2/13/46
Re: Cominfil of Armed Forces; IS-C
61-7557-452
(22)✓
SI 100-3-72-53 p. 8
(38)✓
SI 100-167452-23
(41)✓
SI 100-350512-337 "Counterattack" 7/21/50
(31)✓
SI 100-340922-61 p. 10 (no Inft.)
(30)✓

The "PM" for 2/11/46 carried an article on "Army Paper's Staff Appeals to Mac Arthur" stating that staff members of the Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" appealed to Gen. Mac Arthur to prevent the transfer of its managing editor Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin, columnist. Pettus and Rubin were being transferred to Okinawa because of a "negative report on a loyalty check."

61-7557-A "PM", 2/11/46
(22)✓

The "Stars and Stripes" for 2/12/46 stated that Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin, managing editor and columnist of the paper, who had been ordered transferred to Okinawa, were still in Tokyo. Their transfer had been delayed pending an investigation of charges of disloyalty.

61-7557-A Stars and Stripes, 2/12/46
(22)✓
SI 61-7557-A "DW", 2/12/46
(36)✓
SI 61-7557-A "DW", 2/14/46
(36)✓

On 2/13/46, three congressmen asked the War Department to investigate the removal of two soldiers, Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin from their positions as managing editor and columnist of the Tokyo edition of the "Stars and Stripes".

Pettus and Rubin had written to General Mac Arthur asking that the incident be investigated. They protested that Col. John F. Davis had ordered them removed because of a negative report on a loyalty check. Mac Arthur's chief of staff ordered an inquiry and delayed their transfer to Okinawa.

Pettus and Rubin were at that time still unassigned in Tokyo and awaiting the outcome of the investigation.

"Nippon Times", 2/15/46
94-3-4-1402-A
(23) ✓
SI 94-3-4-1402-9
(23) ✓

The "DW" for 2/16/46 carried an article headed "GI Newsman Ask Congress Probe". Eighteen "Stars and Stripes" staff members called upon Congress to investigate the removal of Kenneth Pettus and Bernard Rubin, managing editor and columnist of the paper. Pettus and Rubin were removed because of a "negative loyalty check".

61-7557-A "DW", 2/16/46
(36) ✓
SI 100-345188-1 (no Inft.)
(43) ✓

The "Seattle Post Intelligencer" of 2/22/46 listed Richard Murphy as among the Washington State Representatives who had petitioned Secretary of War Patterson to investigate the ouster of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Barnard Rubin from the staff of the "Stars and Stripes" in Tokyo.

Seattle rpt., 1/20/47
Re: Richard Harris Murphy, wa.;
SM-C
100-84834-10 p. 7
(28) ✓
SI 100-190625-A "Wash. News", 3/9/46
(41) ✓

A probe into the dismissal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Barnard Rubin was called for by the Tokyo chapter of the American Veterans Committee in March, 1946. It was contended that the matter not only concerned Pettus and Rubin but the "Stars and Stripes" and American public generally.

MID rpt., 3/9/46

100-7660-3738

(26) ✓

SI as above

100-345188-3 Seattle American

(43) ✓ Veterans Committee

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On 3/2/46 General Douglas MacArthur approved the removal of the managing editor T/3 Kenneth Pettus and columnist T/5 Barnard Rubin, of the Army's Pacific "Stars and Stripes" after he received a report that their "discretion and integrity" were questionable. They were ordered sent to the 4th Replacement Depot at Yokohama for normal reassignment to some "non-sensitive" duty.

Both Pettus and Rubin denied that they were Communists although Rubin stated he had been a member of the CP for 4 years but resigned before he was inducted. Rubin added that he had served one year with the International Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil war.

Herald Tribune, 3/3/46

94-8-630-A

(23) ✓

SI 61-7557-A "DW", 3/18/46

(36) ✓

In the column "As Pegler Sees It" by Westbrook Pegler in the "Herald Tribune" of 3/3/46, he named Corp. Barnard Rubin, columnist, who formerly wrote for an IUMMSW union publication, as one of the soldiers on the editorial staff of "Stars and Stripes" who had protested to General Mac Arthur because two of their editorial associates had been detached and ordered to Okinawa because of a "negative report on a loyalty check."

62-36434-A "Herald Tribune, 3/3/46
(22)✓

The "DW" of 3/4/46 carried an article headed "Kagawa - - Is he Mac Arthur's Pal?" The article stated that an expose of Toyohiko Kagawa which Cpl. Bernard Rubin had written for the "Stars and Stripes" was a big factor in the removal of Rubin from the staff of the paper. Rubin claimed that Kagawa though leader of the Japanese Social Democratic Party was a defender of the emperor system in Japan.

100-41138-A "DW", 3/4/46
(40)✓

The 3/16/46 issue of "The Militant" (Trotskyite publication) charged that Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin were removed from the staff of the Pacific edition of "Stars and Stripes" because of previous union affiliations and stated that "labor hating brass" considered them disloyal because they were members of the CIO before entering the service.

MID rpt., 3/30/46
100-7660-3790
(40)✓

At a CP rally held in Waterbury at Temple Hall on 3/22/46, Augie Storm, Secretary of CP in Waterbury, in a talk at the rally, cited Corporal Bernard Rubin who had recently been removed from the staff of the "Stars and Stripes" newspaper as an "outstanding example of the type of man the CP furnished this country in World War II." Storm commented on a statement which had been made by John Mankowski, member of the IUMMSW International Executive Board. Mankowski had said that linking Rubin's name with the IUMMSW reflected discredit on the union. Storm disagreed with Mankowski.

Waterbury Am. Newspaper, 3/23/46
New Haven rpt., 5/21/46
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-29-511
(38) ✓
SI 100-27124-17
(40) ✓

Articles and editorials in the CP press as of April, 1946, continued criticism of the removal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from the staff of the Tokyo "Stars and Stripes" by publishing a letter from a soldier in Tokyo. The letter stated that Rubin was "going after the Mitsui business like a bloodhound after a pork chop."

MID rpt., 4/6/46
100-7660-3798
(40) ✓

As of 8/26/46 Barnard Rubin was considered a CP key figure in the New Haven District.

New Haven memo, 8/26/46
Re: CP, USA, Dist. 15; IS-C
100-3-29-525
(24) ✓

The November, 1946 issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty" contained a greeting from Ben Rubin in which he pointed out that Hirohito still existed, sharing power with Mac Arthur. He urged a fight against Mac Arthur "if we are to fight for peace." He claimed that an anti-Soviet campaign was strong in Japan and insinuations were prominent suggesting Japan be used as a jumping-off point to attack the Soviet Union.

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[redacted] who furnished the
above paper
NY rpt., 2/13/47
Re: Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;
IS-C
100-7060-352 p. 20
(13) ✓

This reference contained a translation of the "Morning Freiheit" of 11/7/46 which was in honor of the 29th anniversary of the Soviet Union. One item contained therein was greetings from the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Organization in Philadelphia toward which Bernard Rubin had made a contribution.

Encl. of above translation with
NY memo, 5/6/47
Re: Morning Freiheit; IS-C
100-46808-131 p. 20
(40) ✓

The "DW" for 11/9/46 stated that Barnard Rubin had said "One of the greatest betrayals in American history is now taking place in Japan under the command of General Mac Arthur. Tens of thousands of GI's gave their lives to crush, (or so they have been told), the power of the war-making Japanese monopolists or Zabaitus, the feudal landlords, and the Emperor....." The "DW" stated Rubin was a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was educational director of the "MMSWU" in Connecticut and had been a reporter for labor papers. Since his discharge from the Army, he has written articles, has lectured, and has been working on a book "Betrayal in Japan." On 12/13/46 he was to address a special meeting of veterans at an IWO Lodge in the Bronx.

MID rpt., 11/13/46
100-7660-4128
(26)✓

Barnard Rubin was a contributor to the magazine "Salute". Rubin with alias Benjamin and Ben, was a former CP organizer in Reading, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania District CP secretary in 1939. He was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; was convicted of election fraud and sentenced to prison in December 1940. In February, 1946 he was transferred from the Tokyo staff of "Stars and Stripes" to Okinawa. The December, 1946 issue of "The Protestant" (Communist publication) carried an article by Rubin.

MID rpt., 12/27/46
100-7660-4178
(5, 13, 26)✓

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In the 12/4/46 issue of "Far Eastern Survey" Bernard Rubin was listed as one of the book reviewers. "Far Eastern Survey" was published by the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Inc., NY City.

Review of the "Far Eastern Survey" at the NY Public Library
NY rpt., 5/26/50
Re: Institute of Pacific Relations;
Esp.-R
100-64700-379 p. 102
(41)✓

"The Worker" for 12/8/46 carried an advertisement about the column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin which was to start 12/16/46.

61-4478-A "Worker", 12/8/46)
(22) ✓

FOIA(b)(7) - D

██████████ advised on 12/11/46 that Bernard Rubin had addressed a meeting of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy and strongly criticized the administration of General Mac Arthur in Japan. Rubin was an exstaff member of the "Stars and Stripes" in Japan and had been ordered out of Japan by Gen. Mac Arthur. Rubin wrote a book entitled "Betrayal in Japan."

NY rpt., 5/9/47
Re: Japanese-American
Committee for Democracy;
IS-C
100-71226-74
(41)✓

Walter Winchell sent the Director a letter written under date of 12/13/46 by Barnard Rubin to Morgan-Warman Associates, Inc., NY City in which he told of his column "Broadway Beat" soon to appear in the "DW". He stated he would be interested in receiving material which they thought was of interest and asked that it be sent direct to him in care of the "DW".

Bureau Memo, 12/20/46 with
encl. of letter as above
61-4478-379
(22)✓

The "DW" of 12/24/46 carried an article headed "How About Riesel's Record?" which stated that the "Post's" (NY Post) Victor Riesel had gone whining to the FBI for protection against the "DW" columnist, Barnard Rubin, who had tossed a barb at Riesel the other week. Riesel, in his column had pleaded for a witch-hunt against progressives formerly in editorial positions on "Stars and Stripes".

62-82195-A "DW", 12/24/46
(22)✓

Barnard Rubin, in his column "Broadway Beat" in the 12/25/46 "DW", stated that secret but official orders from the War and State Departments had been issued to top militarists and diplomats sternly prohibiting further talk of the inevitability of war against the Soviet Union.

MID rpt., 1/1/47
100-7660-4209
(26)✓

In an interview by Bureau Agents with Mark Gayn in NY City on 4/29/53, Gayn advised that while he was in Japan he met a man named Rubin (Bernard Rubin) who was on the staff of "Stars and Stripes". He had heard that Rubin had been removed from the staff but never heard why. In 1947 Gayn met Rubin in NY City when Rubin said that he was employed by the "DW".

NY rpt., 7/21/53
Re: Mark Julius Gayn, was.;
IS-R
100-373990-50
(44)✓

In the January, 1947 issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty," (monthly publication of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade) among the social items as to members, reference was made to Ben Rubin, former staff member of "Stars and Stripes", Pacific edition. (not further elaborated upon).

NY rpt., 8/18/47
Re: Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade; IS-C
100-7060-378 p. 21
(13)✓

Barnard Rubin in the "DW" (apparently in January, 1947) scolded the NY publication "PM" for stepping out of line with "How come 'PM' still has Disney's chauvinistic 'Song of the South' on the recommended list?"

MID rpt., 1/17/47
100-7660-4248
(26)✓

Bernard Rubin reported (apparently in the "DW") that a new magazine named "47" would hit the newstands on 2/5/47. The magazine was to be owned entirely by its contributors and would open with a vicious attack on Mac Arthur by Darrel Berrigan of the NY "Post".

MID rpt., 1/31/47
100-7660-4314X p.11
(40)✓

It was believed that Bernard Rubin who had as of January, 1947 written a book "Betrayal in Japan"; was behind the Veterans Committee for Democracy in Japan which was formed by the Committee on Democratic Policy in the Far East.

In Rubin's speech before the Japanese American Committee for Democracy (no date given) he stated there was no freedom at all in Japan and that a complete failure had been registered as far as democracy was concerned.

Newark and NY Field Div.
Weekly Japanese Trends
NY Memo, 1/7/47 with
encl. of Weekly Trend Memos.
Re: Weekly Trends
66-~~88~~03-1-34-527 encl. p. 12
(37)✓
SI 100-7660-4219 (MID)
(26)✓

"Plain Talk" for January, 1947 contained a little article to the effect that "the life of the stars will get an ideological going over in the "DW"..... which has begun publication of a Broadway column purporting to give the 'inside' on the entertainment world. The column is being written by a 'typographical error' named Barnard Rubin."

NY letter, 10/1/47 with encl.
of back issues of "Plain Talk"
Re: Plain Talk; Mics., Info.
Concerning
94-36511-68 p. 143 of encl.
(23)✓
SI 97-401-216 p. 3 ("DW", 12/15/46)
(23)✓

In the "DW" of 1/7/47, Barnard Rubin stated that "during the miners' strike the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82 Airborne Division, was alerted for strikebreaking." Rubin also stated "the men received orientation lectures in which they were told that the miners were receiving extraordinarily high wages and that the strike was a Communist-instigated plot to overthrow the government."

Informants wondered if Rubin had an informant within the Army or if he were using his imagination. (Completely reliable, confirmed source.)

MID rpt., 1/10/47
100-7660-4252 p. 11
(26)✓

In Barnard Rubin's column in the "DW" for 1/9/47 he stated that the Army brass was sitting on a mass of signed eye-witness statements of former inmates of the worst Nazi concentration camps. He stated that writers who sought access to the statements were given the brush-off by the Army.

MID rpt., 1/15/47
100-7660-4249
(26) ✓

The Boston Office wrote the Albany Office on 1/15/47 regarding a conversation between Fannie Hartman of the Boston CP and Bernard Rubin (phonetic) of the "DW" staff, in reference to one Robert Tirrell of Windsor, Vermont. Rubin wished to contact someone for a personal recommendation and Hartman referred him to Cordelia Cerasoli, Barre, Vermont. (no info. given)

Albany rpt., 2/14/47
Re: Cordelia Cerasoli; SM-C
100-341175-6
(42) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the 1/16/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In this column he quoted from an ad in "At Liberty", current "Billboard" magazine, which was an ad by Dee Nifong of Los Angeles advertising the act "The Leap of Death". The article stated the act was by the only blind man who hangs himself for a living, makes a 35 foot drop with nooskman knot around neck with flashy aerial display, best of wardrobe, experience, A-1 equipment for small circus or carnival.

100-138754-A "DW", 1/16/47
(28) ✓

Bernard Rubin's column in the "DW" of 1/22/47 refers to Derrick Carter in connection with the report of Walter Winchell that Carter of the "London Daily Worker" was on his way into the South to carry on Communist agitational work. Rubin corrected Winchell, stating the man's name was Derek Kartun and was actually on his way out of the South, on his way to London.

Bureau memo, 3/3/47
Re: Derek Kartun, wa.;
IS-C
100-347219-4
(43)✓
SI 100-347219-5
(31)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 1/27/47 written by Barnard Rubin. The article brought out that Father Coughlin had received Nazi cash for his propaganda activities - - according to documented evidence uncovered by the Budapest correspondent of the Hugarian newspaper "Magyar Jovo." Rubin stated the above facts were available to all American newspapers with correspondents in Turkey but they had never published it in their papers.

62-41602-A "DW", 1/27/47
(22)✓

The February, 1947 issue of "Salute" carried a masthead which contained among others, the name of Barnard Rubin as one of the contributing editors. The March, 1947 issue of "Salute" had dropped Rubin's name from its masthead.

The "DW" for 11/9/46 contained a picture of Rubin with a write-up of an interview authored by David Platt, "DW" reporter.

Rubin has used the aliases Ben Rubin, Ben Ruben and Benjamin Rubin.
(no inft. given)

NY rpt., 4/21/47
Re: "Salute", 19 Park Place,
NY City; IS-C
100-344908-14
(6, 18, 30)✓

In the "DW" for 2/4/47, Bernard Rubin stated "One aspect of J. David Stern's sale of the strike-bound Philadelphia Record hasn't, in my opinion, been sufficiently stressed. Pennsylvania, giant industrial state of the Nation, is now without a single newspaper - - which makes even a pretense of being liberal or progressive - - in any of its key cities."

MID rpt., 2/7/47
100-7660-4278
(40)✓

In a Bureau Memo reference was made to the column of Barnard Rubin appearing in the "DW" for 2/24/47 which reflected that Dorothy Thompson was being influenced by Paul Scheffer, a Nazi propagandist.

Bureau Memo, 2/26/47
Re: Paul Scheffer
65-3050-209
(22)✓

In March, 1947 Joe Drill had requested the "DW" through Barnard Rubin, to give publicity to the meeting "Stars Entertain for Republican Spain" to be held by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom on 3/28/47 at Town Hall, Philadelphia.

Files of NY Office
Philadelphia rpt., 2/10/48
Re: American Committee for
Spanish Freedom; IS-C
100-332851-83 p. 18
(30)✓

The March 1947 issue of "Salute", was to run an article "Bing Crosby's Decline," by Barnard Rubin which would be another CP attack on Crosby. (Usually reliable, probably true source.)

MID rpt., 1/24/47
100-7660-4266
(26)✓

Barnard Rubin reported in the "DW" (apparently in March, 1947) that the "Infantry Journal" was publishing "Ravage Repeats Ravage," a story by Toots Fajans, veteran of the Communist International Brigade in Spain, also known as the Lincoln Brigade.

MID rpt., 3/14/47
100-7660-4316 p. 12
(26)✓

Barnard Rubin reported (apparently in the "DW" in March, 1947) that the Knights of Columbus were spending \$3,500,000 on a series of 39 weekly broadcasts over "Mutual". He labeled the program "the most vicious scare hoax in the history of radio to terrify the progressive movement." Rubin stated the broadcasts would claim the CP planned to rise and capture NY City and that the claims would be backed up with "phony" documents signed by William Z. Foster and other CP leaders.

MID rpt., 3/7/47
100-7660-4319 p. 6
(26)✓

A teletype was recovered from a trash cover on 3/5/47 on Tass News Agency, NY City as follows: "Wash Lt: Watch for any comment re Rubin assertion Worker today that US ships more arms than ever to Kuomintang via two Chinese companies operating through Latamerica. ES"

Regarding above, Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" appearing in the "DW" for that date reported that the biggest potential scandal in Washington was the suppressed news the US was sending more arms and war materials than ever before to the bankrupt Kuomintang Government of Chiang Kai-Shek.

Washington, D.C., rpt., 5/10/47
Re: Tass News Agency, was.; IS-R
100-183386-185 p. 9
(29)✓

As of 2/19/47, Richard Boyer had listed Sam Sillen and Bernard Rubin of the "DW" as two of his close associates who would assist in publicizing his book "The Dark Ship."

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The "DW" for 3/6/47 in Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" stated that the book "The Dark Ship" would be published on 5/6/47, by Little, Brown and Company.

NY rpt., 8/20/48
Re: Richard Owen Boyer,
was.; SM-C
100-3341-48 p. 5, 7
(25, 39)✓
SI as 1st para. above
100-3341-38
(39)✓

On 3/6/47 Barnard Rubin, in his column in "The Worker", commented on the fact that William Moden, Negro employee at General Mills, Minneapolis, received an autographed picture of the General Mills board of directors on his retirement after 44 years of service. Rubin stated the picture was all the reward Moden received on his retirement.

St. Paul rpt., 4/19/49
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-17-462 p. 29
(24)✓

The "DW" for 3/13/47 carried an article entitled "From Veterans of 2 Wars" which stated "As Americans who fought fascism in Spain and on battlefields of World War II Secretary Schwellenbach's proposal to outlaw the CP has a familiar ring Schwellenbach's proposal is a danger signal for democracy which America cannot ignore." This article carried a list of veterans who backed the article and Cpl. Barnard Rubin's name was among them.

100-7060-A "DW", 3/13/47
(26)✓

On 3/14/47 members of the "DW" staff signed a telegram to Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach in Washington, D.C. The telegram was as follows: "We are members of the "DW" staff are Communists and veterans. We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect."

One of the signers to the telegram was Barnard Rubin, 33837353, 169th Reg. Combat Team, 43 Infantry Division. Fought in New Guinea, Luzon as machine gunner. Awarded bronze star.

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[redacted] and "DW", 3/14/47
NY rpt., 5/27/48
Re: Solomon Auerbach, was.;
SM-C
100-28831-65
(27)✓

The NY "PM" for 4/30/47 carried an ad headed "Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day," which advertised for people to march in the May Day Parade in NY City. Barnard Rubin was listed as one of the sponsors.

100-338892-A, NY "PM", 4/30/47
(30)✓

"Counterattack" for 7/24/53 stated that at the time of the 1947 May Day Parade, Barnard Rubin brought out in his "DW" column that Lou Polan who had played a part in the CBS TV network program "The Web" on 4/12/53, would "traverse the May Day Parade in an open, horse-drawn victoria."

Bureau memo, 7/28/53 with encl. of
"Counterattack"
Re: American Business Consultants,
Inc. Counterattack, Info. Concerning
100-350512-539
(31)✓

According to "Counterattack" of 7/22/49, Wm. M. Sweets helped sponsor the May Day Parade in 1947 along with Barnard Rubin and other Communists.

NY Memo, 7/29/49 with encl. of
"Counterattack" as above
Re: American Business Consultants,
Inc. Counterattack; Info. Concerning
100-350512-254
(31)✓

In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" for 5/5/47, he gave the results of the elections in the "DW" unit of the American Newspaper Guild.

NY rpt., 12/13/47
Re: Freedom of the
Press Co., Inc.;
IS-C
97-401-247 p. 4
(23)✓
SI 100-402855-2
(44)✓

On 5/6/47 Barnard Rubin commented in his "DW" column that at a dinner given in honor of Jo Davidson, the famous sculpter and liberal, she was presented with a gold fountain pen. As everyone was remarking on the beauty of the pen, Zero Mostel stated "And it won't write under Fascism."

NY rpt., 9/12/49
Re: Samuel Joel Mostel,
wa. Zero Mostel; SM-C
100-209341-14 p. 6
(29)✓

Barnard Rubin, veteran on the "DW" staff, was a delegate to the First National Encampment of CP Veterans held at Turner's Auditorium, Washington, D.C. on May 8-10, 1947.

Inft. not identified
Infts. rpt. dated
Washington, D.C., 5/8-10/47
100-3-73-145
(25)✓
SI 100-3-73-137 p. 41 ("DW", 5/8/47)
(25)✓
SI 100-3-73-A ("DW", 5/8/47)
(25)✓

This reference is a clipping of the 5/27/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In the article Rubin mentions a new 25 cent edition of Albert Kahn's and Michael Sayers' book "The Great Conspiracy" coming out 6/10/47 which would bring out news about Arnold Rechberg whom Rubin claimed was a powerful Nazi.

100-74021-A "DW", 5/27/47
(27)✓

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for June, 1947, stated that Barnard Rubin, whom General Mac Arthur had bounced off the Tokyo edition of "Stars and Stripes", had recently reported that Madame Novikov, wife of the Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., had won a rhumba contest at a ritzy Miami Beach Hotel. Rubin evidently does not read "Izvestia" because that Soviet government official organ reported that "all tangoes, foxtrots and blues dances had been banned in Vladivostak" by the authorities.

Summary as above, published by
The American Legion National
Headquarters, Indianapolis
94-1-17998-831
(23)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 6/5/47 in which he brought out that Herbert Hoover was to choose the man to head the Truman Doctrine Mission to Greece and Turkey.

61-4478-396
(22)✓

The 6/13/47 issue of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, pointed out that Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer, had a new song dedicated to him by a Bernie Asbel and that the song "went over big" in Chicago.

Washington, D.C. rpt., 6/8/50
Re: Bernard Lazar Asbel, was.;
SM-C
100-367699-5 p. 5
(32)✓

The "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 6/17/47 refers to a George A. Gregorieff, assistant Military Attache in Athens. The article stated Gregorieff was one of the organizers of the White Russian clique which fought the Soviet Government. It was not known if the mentioned Gregorieff was identical to the husband of Mara Gregorieff, contact of Zoro Sigl, whose name was George A. Gregorieff.

Buffalo rpt., 7/21/50
Re: Zoro Stoynoff Sigl was.;
Esp.-R and Bulgarian
100-358774-155 p. 22
(31)✓
SI 100-358774-199
(43)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 6/17/47 written by Barnard Rubin. In the article he states that the reason the Soviet Union didn't trust our "striped-pants boys" implicitly was because at least two of our attacks were sons of a leading General of the Czarist Imperial Army and were against the young Soviet government.

100-3-81-A "DW", 6/17/47
(25)✓

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On 7/1/47 [] supplied a list of telephone extension numbers for employees and officers of the "DW" in NY City. The name of Barney Rubin, extension 9, 54 appeared on the list.

NY letter, 9/13/47
Re: "DW"; IS-C
61-4478-403
(46) ✓

In testimony of Walter Steele, regarding CP activity in the US, on 7/21/47, in Washington, D.C. he stated Barnard Rubin was one who had contributed to the "DW" and "Worker" within the past few months.

Copy of Hearings before the HCUA
enclosed with letter from
Walter S. Steele of "National
Republic", Washington, D.C., 10/9/47
100-3-2192 encl. p. 43
(24)✓

As of 7/23/47 Walter S. Steele, representing 85 patriotic societies of the American coalition and for 25 years an investigator of the Communist conspiracy in America, presented 300 pages of testimony documented with exhibits from Communist sources before the HCUA. In the testimony was a list of Communists and Communist sympathizers in the armed forces during World War II which included Bernard Rubin, on the staff of "Stars and Stripes" and then with the "DW".

NY "Journal American", 7/23/47
100-2267-A
(39)✓

On 7/27/47 Shuji Fujii of NY City, wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin in which he offered his services to translate Shiga's part of "Eighteen Years in Prison" by Tokuda and Shiga if a digest form would suffice. Fujii asked Rubin to advise what sort of information he was interested in, in case his proposition was satisfactory, so the digest would be useful.

The "DW" for 11/9/46 described Rubin with alias Benjamin Rubin as a reporter for labor newspapers and a former operator of a book store in the Bronx. Rubin was at that time working on a book entitled "Betrayal in Japan."

The "DW" for 12/14/46 announced a new column "Broadway Beat" by Rubin, to begin 12/16/46.

The "DW" for 2/2/47 reported that Rubin was to speak on "The Betrayal of Japan" at a forum at Brighton Community Center, Brooklyn.

NY rpt., 2/28/49
Re: Shuji Fujii, was; IS-R
100-2923-149 p. 2, 3, 4
(5, 25)✓

In the September, 1947 issue of "Plain Talk" there was an article written by Freda Utley in which was implied that Edgar Snow, associate editor of the "Saturday Evening Post" knew Barnard Rubin who had been ousted by General Mac Arthur in February, 1946, as an editor of the Tokyo "Stars and Stripes" on the charge that he was a Communist. It was not known how Snow had met Rubin. After Rubin returned home from the Army, he applied for a Guggenheim fellowship and Snow recommended Rubin for the fellowship.

NY Memo, 9/13/47 with encl. of
"Plain Talk"

Re: "Plain Talk"; Misc.

94-36511-65 p. 9 encl.

(23)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 9/3/47 in which he stated that show business was then on the receiving end of Fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda. The Arthur Murray dance studio strikers were the victims in that Murray's personnel manager was distributing anti-union literature written by Joe Kamp of the Constitutional Educational League to the dance instructors.

61-10355-A "DW", 9/3/47

(36)✓

The "DW" for 9/11/47 in the column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, printed a reproduction of a handbill gotten out by the KKK in Knoxville, inviting the public to attend a KKK picnic at Fountain City on Labor Day, 9/1/47.

Rubin, in commenting on this, stated that the KKK was out in the open again and had jumped on the Truman administration's anti-Communist bandwagon, encouraged by the conspicuous absence of activity by J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI against the peddlers of race hatred.

Knoxville rpt., 1/13/48

Re: Ku Klux Klan, was.;

IS-X

100-7801-481 p. 5

(26)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 10/1/47 written by Barnard Rubin. He brought out about an argument which took place between Herschel Johnson, US delegate to the UN and a top British UN man. The top British man had remarked that in case of a US war with Russia, England would be neutral.

100-3-80-A "DW", 10/1/47

(25)✓

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for 10/1/47 contains an article on "Clarkton - - Latest Howard Fast Novel". The article states that all Legionnaires had been alerted to the latest novel by Fast entitled "Clarkton", about which Barnard Rubin, in his "DW" column, bemoaned the fact that sales were very disappointing. Rubin stated that wholesale buyers were refusing to handle the book which meant that there was "a campaign to prevent America's book-reading public from reading any books on Communists which does not slander them."

Summary as above published by

The American Legion National

Headquarters, Indianapolis

94-1-17998-833

(23)✓

SI 94-1-17998-769

(22)✓

This reference is a clipping of the 10/2/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In this column Rubin stated that in spite of Eric Johnston's statement to the HCUA that the movie industry would be glad to cooperate, the fact was that Hollywood was not happily united behind Johnston's line. Many of the Hollywood industry big wheels disliked Johnston and felt he was using Hollywood to further his own ambitions.

100-138754-A "DW", 10/2/47
(28) ✓

"The Worker" for 10/5/47 carried an article stating that beginning with that issue the paper would add several new features, one being a column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin.

97-401-A "The Worker", 10/5/47
(23) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 10/8/47 written by Barnard Rubin. The article quotes from the text of Truman's Loyalty Order and compares it with the text of Hitler's "Law for the Reinstatement of the (Nazi government) Civil Service of April 7, 1933."

100-3-83-A "DW", 10/8/47
(25) ✓

On 10/20/47 [] furnished a pay envelope for Bernard Rubin for the net amount of \$64.85 from Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, NY City.

NY letter, 1/10/48
Re: CP, Dist. 2; SM-C
100-3-4-6162 p. 57
(37) ✓

The "DW" for 10/24/47 printed a letter from Dave Clancy, of Brooklyn to the editor, DW, in which he expressed thanks for coming out with a paper that had punch to it. He also commented that now he could read his "Broadway stuff" by Barnard Rubin.

97-401-A "DW"; 10/24/47
(23) ✓

This reference contains a report by Fred Woltman dated 1/12/48 which stated in part that in November, 1947, Barnard Rubin was one of the speakers at a joint conference of the Civil Rights Congress and the NY Committee to Win the Peace, apparently held in NY City.

Encl. to Bureau memo, 7/30/48
Re: Front Organizations; SM-C
100-7254-255
(26) ✓

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for 11/1/47 under the heading "The Lighter Side - Quips and Bits" carried the statement "DW" columnist Barnard Rubin -- booted off the Tokio Stars and Stripes for being a Communist -- quips that the present red witch-hunting hysteria is the natural result of 'delirium-Trumans'."

Summary as above published by
The American Legion National
Headquarters, Indianapolis
94-1-17998-786

(22) ✓

SI 94-1-17998-783

(22) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 11/3/47 in which he stated that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had been speaking a good deal at the UN about the free press. He stated that in one issue of the "World-Telegram" which carried Mrs. Roosevelt's column, she had criticized Gov. Dewey in regard to the discontinuance of the child care centers in NY and her column was pulled out of the paper.

61-4478-A "DW", 11/3/47

(22) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 11/4/47, in which he stated that the "New York Times" of 11/1/47 had devoted a column to a story headed "Sampson Likens "PR" to Hitler Law". The article stated that Frank Sampson, leader of Tammany, urged repeal of "PR" (not identified).

61-4478-A "DW", 11/4/47

(22) ✓

This reference is a clipping of a letter which appeared in the "DW", applauding the "DW" feature pages, with special applause to Barnard Rubin and others who wrote in the entertainment section. The letter was from Philadelphia and signed by F. Taylor.

61-4478-A "DW", 11/10/47
(22) ✓

FOIA(b), 7. - D

[redacted] made available to the NY Office a typewritten letter dated 11/25/47 to Barnard Rubin, signed "Comradely yours, Cy Edelman," Rockaway Beach, NY, advising Rubin of a few items for the "DW". This letter was obtained by Informant from the office building of the "DW", and care should be taken so the existence of this source will not become known to an outside agency.

Enclosure behind file to
NY Memo, 1/12/49
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-4-6560-encl. p. 24
(24) ✓

On 11/27/47 William Levner contacted Bernard Rubin of the "DW" staff concerning the American Jewish Labor Council.

[redacted]
NY rpt., 7/12/50
Re: William Levner,
wa.; SM-C
100-179916-4 p. 4
(41) ✓

The "DW" for 12/8/47 published a letter dated 11/30/47, which Barnard Rubin had received from Bob Hall in London. The letter discussed the reception afforded certain plays and movies of American origin in London. Hall also discussed the reception of prominent American actors who were in London at that time.

Washington, D.C. rpt., 7/14/48
Re: Robert Fowler Hall, was.;
IS-C
100-7219-130
(26)✓

FOIA b 7 - D

Barnard Rubin advised [] that on several occasions during 1947 and 1948 he had received letters from a Mike Hecht, 510 E. 75th Street, Chicago. Hecht had also asked Rubin to review an article which he (Hecht) had written on Arthur Miller's "All My Sons."

Chicago rpt., 5/6/49
Re: Myer Harold Hecht, was.;
SM-C
100-361611-2
(32)✓
SI 100-361611-16 p. 29
(43)✓

In 1948, Donald Cameron attempted to further the sale of Barrows Dunham's book "Man Against Myth", and wrote to Bernard Rubin suggesting that Rubin write about the book in his "DW" column.

[]
Boston rpt., 11/19/48
Re: Donald Angus Cameron;
IS-C
100-342893-40
(42)✓

Barney Rubin's name appeared in a list of Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which appeared in Volume 10, 1948 "Volunteer for Liberty".

NY rpt., 5/26/49
Re: Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;
IS-C and R
100-7060-494 p. 31
(47)✓

"Plain Talk" for January, 1948, under the section "News from the Capital" carried an item which stated "Barnard Rubin, now a fire-snorting columnist for the "DW", is frothing over the fact that present editors of 'Stars and Stripes' are not running the same Communist propaganda he used to write before General Mac Arthur kicked him off the staff of that paper. Rubin once denied vehemently, charges that he was pro-Stalinist."

NY Memo, 1/10/48 with encl. of
"Plain Talk" as above
Re: Plain Talk; Info. Concerning
94-36511-75 p. 36 of encl.
(23)✓

This reference is a clipping of the 1/12/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. Rubin stated in this column that former Nazi stormtroopers in the American section of Berlin had been mobilized into an industrial police outfit in accordance with US Army military instructions - - the purpose of which would be - - strike-breaking.

100-195220-A "DW", 1/12/48
(29)✓

This reference contains as an enclosure, an advertisement ~~given out~~ by "Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, 137 East 57th Street, NY City, which advertisement is on the book "The Plotters" by John Roy Carlson. According to this advertisement, the "DW" of 2/12/45 and 6/15/46 contained articles denouncing Carlson and upon publication of "The Plotters" Barnard Rubin and other CP writers wrote articles against Carlson.

Letter from John Roy Carlson on
letterhead of Friends of Democracy,
Inc., of 1/23/48 with encl. as above
100-28165-313 encl.
(27)✓

FOIA b1 7 - D

On 1/28/48 [] advised that through a conversation with Barnard Rubin and Ira Wallach he learned that the "Ted Tinsley" column in the "DW" was being written by Ira Wallach.

NY Memo, 2/2/48
Re: Ted Tinsley;
SM-C
100-179959-12
(28)✓

On 1/31/48 Joy Clark wrote to [] In the letter Clark asked if Informant had noticed "in Barnard Rubin's column the other day where American military personnel in Greece are not all at the front?"

Boston rpt., 4/14/48
Re: Joy Clark, was.;
IS-C
100-50429-52 p. 14
(27)✓

In early 1948 W. J. Hutcheson, employee of the "News Journal", NY City, wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin, of the "DW", enclosing a contribution to the "party drive".

FOIA b(7) - (D)

Baltimore rpt., 2/23/51
Re: Norman Austin Buni, Jr.
Sp. Inq. State Dept.; VOA
123-8534-10
(45) ✓

The "Michigan Herald" for 2/8/48 carried an article headed "Worker-Herald is what Michigan Needs". The article tells of the merger of the "DW" and "Michigan Herald" which will give the best in news coverage. One of the columnists to appear in the new paper would be Barnard Rubin.

100-347207-A "Mich. Herald," 2/8/48
(31) ✓

Rose Olson had been in contact with Barnard Rubin of the "DW". (Nature of contact not stated) () 2/12/48)

NY rpt., 4/27/49
Re: Rose Ruth Olson, wa.; SM-C
100-335802-4
(30) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the 2/12/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he states that 20th Century Fox and the potential exhibitors of its war-mongering film, "The Iron Curtain" may not know it, but if and when the movie is shown publicly, they may have a lot of unexpected financial difficulties in the form of libel suits.

100-138754-A "DW", 2/12/48
(28) ✓

This reference is a clipping of the 3/2/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he stated that the concentration camp at Muenster, Germany (British Occupation Zone) was being used for a training and embarkation center for former Nazi troops. The idea was to ship the troops to Greece to engage again in their old murderous habit - - this time for the Marshall Plan.

100-138754-A "DW", 3/2/48
(28) ✓

Barnard Rubin received a letter from Margaret Adler dated 3/8/48 in which she enclosed a press release of "Die Fledermans" (The Bat) for aid to Freier Deutscher Kulturbund in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany.

FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 2/10/49
Re: The German American, Inc.;
IS-C
100-279704-143 p. 7
(29) ✓
SI 100-333702-4
(30) ✓

Under date of 3/12/48 Lillian Brill Clott wrote a typewritten letter to Barnard Rubin, 50 East 13th Street, NY City.

Washington, D.C. memo, 6/21/49
Re: Lillian Brill Clott, was.;
IS-Hu
100-34447-58
(27)✓

FOIA b 7 - D)

Barnard Rubin informed [] on 3/23/48 that a thousand writers, painters and actors had a meeting at which Albert Maltz spoke on "The American Artist and the American Freedom Tradition." Rubin stated that at this meeting an anti-censorship committee was formed, the purpose of which was to campaign on a national scale against the HCUA, the Tenny Committee of California and to fight against the Dewey plan to establish a like committee in NY State. Maltz was to be the link between the CP and the anti-censorship committee.

NY rpt., 9/29/48
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-2768 p. 100
(24)✓
SI 62-78494-5 p. 7
(36)✓
SI 62-78494-79
(36)✓
SI 100-2245-7
(25)✓
SI 100-138754-510 p. 2
(28)✓
SI 100-210139-6 p. 7
(42)✓
SI 100-363597-9
(32)✓
SI 100-370937-4 p. 27
(32)✓
SI 100-3-4-6474 p. 51
(24)✓

On 4/16/48 Michael Freilich wrote to Bernard Rubin and asked him to attend an art exhibition at 51 Greenwich Avenue, NY City, and requested space in the "DW". FOIA b 7 - D

Edna Powers, Supervisor of Associated Hospital Service, advised that Rubin was employed as a writer for Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, and had been so employed since 1946.

NY rpt., 8/13/53
Re: Michael Leon
Freilich, was.; SM-C
100-403866-1 p. 6
(44) ✓
SI 100-3-4-6538 p. 39
(24) ✓

On April 23 (probably 1948) Arthur Behrstock wrote a letter to Bernie (believed to be Barnard Rubin) ^{which} requested Bernie to plug a book written by Behrstock's friend, Sam Ross, by mentioning the book in his (Rubin's) column. Behrstock thought the book was worth a plug since it exposed "the get-rich-quick myth in America."

NY rpt., 3/8/49
Re: Arthur Behrstock; SM-C
100-3232-16
(25) ✓

In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" in the "DW" for 5/11/48, he stated that William O'Dell Nowell was a confidential aide of Gerald L. K. Smith. Rubin further stated that Nowell at that time was an informer and star witness for the HCUA and also "one of J. Edgar (FBI) Hoover's most trusted agents."

A clipping of the column was attached to this reference.

Bureau Memo, 5/12/48
Re: William O'Dell Nowell;
Conf. Inft.
100-351123-4
(31)✓

Arthur Weld wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin, Cultural Department of "DW", NY City, in which Weld stated he thought the "DW" should have more "opinion pieces" which would result in "keeping us alert to the role of well known or prominent persons in the literary scene."

FOIA(b), 7 - D

[redacted] 5/24/48
NY rpt., 8/25/52
Re: Arthur Winston
Weld, wa.; SM-C
100-24425-37
(40)✓

Seymour Edelman contacted Barnard Rubin in connection with Rubin's "DW" column. He stated he thought Rubin's column was very good and furnished him with a few suggestions.

[redacted] 5/24/48)
NY rpt., 5/24/50
Re: Seymour Edelman, was.;
SM-C
100-369476-1
(32)✓

On 6/2/48 Evelyn Goldstein wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin care of the "DW", NY City, in which she enclosed a news item which had appeared in a local newspaper at Gloversville, NY. (Contents of the news item not given)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Albany rpt., 10/26/49
Re: Evelyn Goldstein, wa.;
IS-C
100-333373-40
(30)✓

On 7/8/48 [redacted] advised that Saul Rubin had worked for his brother, Barnard Rubin, author of the "DW" column, "Broadway Beat".

NY rpt., 5/2/49
Re: Saul Rubin, wa.;
SM-C
100-348125-2
(31)✓
SI 100-348125-3
(31)✓
SI 100-348125-5
(43)✓
SI 100-348125-10
(43)✓
SI 100-348125-15
(43)✓

Barnard Rubin in his column "Broadway Beat" in the "DW" of 9/13/48, extended his congratulations to Carl and Fay Caller Vedro on the birth of their son, Stephen.

NY rpt., 2/23/49
Re: Mrs. Carl Vedro, was.; IS-C
100-13939-38 p. 3, 14
(27)✓

The "DW" of 9/13/48 in an article by Barnard Rubin, reported that "The Salem Story" by Sid Alexander put on by Stage for Action, had won the Stamford University Maxwell Anderson Award for the best full-length drama of the year.

NY rpt., 2/17/49
Re: Stage for Action,
Inc.; IS-C
100-34918-41, p. 26
(27)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 9/29/48 in which he stated that J. Edgar Hoover's FBI men had been visiting editors of various magazines slanted for the youth trade. He stated that the purpose of these visits was to have the editors run articles warning the youth to keep away from such groups as American Youth for Democracy and the Wallace movement in schools and universities.

61-4478-A "DW", 9/29/48
(22)✓

This reference is a clipping of the 10/20/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he stated that the GOP campaign strategy was well illustrated recently with the true story of the Republican Congress who had misgivings about the hysterical red-baiting witch-hunt.

100-138754-A "DW", 10/20/48
(28)✓

In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" of 10/27/48 he stated that "Life" magazine had telegraphed French photographers offering them 10,000 francs for six photographs showing violence by the French coal miners.

61-3176-A "DW", ~~10/28/48~~
(21)✓ 10/27/48

As of November, 1948, Bernard Rubin was carried in the NY security indices as a potential saboteur. He was listed as a member of the CP, and the reason used as a basis for selecting him to the security index was that he was a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and a Veteran of World War II.

NY letter, 11/2/48
Re: COMSAB; IS-C and R
98-6187-133 p. 7
(23)✓

Sylvan Silberman wrote to Barnard Rubin in December, 1948 requesting that a copy of the "Sunday Worker" be contributed and sent air mail to Bill Wood of the "Tribune", Sydney, Australia.

FOIA b 7 - D

Rubin was among the sponsors of the Conference on Constitutional Liberties of America, a Communist inspired conference called at Washington, D.C., 6/7-9/40. (California Legislature, Fourth Report of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.)

Baltimore rpt., 1/14/52
Re: Sylvan Sidney Silberman,
was.; SM-C
100-363872-13 p. 10
(32)✓
SI 1st par. above
100-363872-4
(32)✓
SI 1st par. above
100-363872-23
(32)✓

A list of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade residing in the NY City area as of December, 1948 contained the name Ben Rubin, 1152 Third Avenue.
(no Inft. given)

NY rpt., 12/24/48
Re: Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;
IS-C and R
100-7060-473 p. 37
(13)✓

Bernard Rubin reported in his column in the "DW" that the "Washington Post" on 12/7/48 had the following headlines next to one another:

"Dr. Reuter New Lord Mayor of Berlin,
Symbolic of Democratic Courage in City" and
"German Mind not Changed Luckman Says"
The above appeared in the "German American" of 12/21/48
which was translated from German.

Memo to Philadelphia, 3/28/49
with encl. of translation
Re: The German American; IS-C
100-279704-142 encl. p. 40
(42) ✓

On 12/14/48 one Larry (not identified) wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin on Jewish Labor Bazaar stationery. The letter requested that the "DW" correct a statement made by them to the effect that the United Packinghouse Workers had made an outright gift of a 2000 pound steer to be barbecued and sold at the Jewish Labor Bazaar Restaurant. The letter stated the United Packinghouse Workers had merely assisted in arranging for an individual donor who presented the steer.

On 11/27/47 William Levner, Director of Organization of the American Jewish Labor Council, wrote to Rubin enclosing suggestions as per a previous conversation in Rubin's office.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

NY rpt., 9/30/49
Re: American Jewish Labor
Council, wa.; IS-C
100-341898-80 p. 10, 69
(42) ✓

In the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" edited by Barnard Rubin, on 12/20/48, Rubin set out a warning to "intellectuals, artists and the public generally" that Carleton Smith, Director of the National Arts Foundation, had proposed a government subsidy of the arts. Rubin branded that as a scheme to further the war propaganda of Wall Street and the Big Brass.

NY rpt., 2/14/49
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-2916-p. 104
(24) ✓
SI 100-3-4-6577 p. 73
(24) ✓

The "DW" of 12/12/48 in its column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin reported that Actors Equity had a membership of 5,889. The column also stated that the American Federation of Musicians - - AFL had a membership of 237,000.

Rubin in his "DW" column for 12/30/48 stated that American Guild of Musical Artists - - AFL had a membership of 1,900. In Rubin's column of 12/18/48 he reported that the American Guild of Variety Artists - - AFL had 1,465 members.

In Rubin's column of 12/28/48 he reported that the Radio and Television Directors Guild had 290 members. Also Rubin stated that the Radio Writers Guild membership was 1,800.

NY rpt., 11/30/49
Re: Cominfil Radio-Television
Industry; IS-C
100-340922-200 p. 17,18,21,22,24,27
(30) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
123-12991-7
(45) ✓

An undated memo from E. G. Flynn (believed to be Elizabeth Gurley Flynn) to committee on "DW" which was furnished on 12/30/48 to Bureau Agent in NY City, set forth her ideas and criticisms of the "DW" and "Worker". Regarding Bernard Rubin, she stated that his column was no longer a novelty. FOIA b 7 D

A review of the "DW" and "Worker" reflected that Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" did not appear after 6/17/48 but reappeared on 9/7/48.

As of 6/30/48 R. Rubin's name appeared on a list of employees of the Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., NY City.
(NY State Dept. of Labor).

NY rpt., 2/1/49
Re: Freedom of the
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C
97-401-290 p. 3, 8, 16
(37) ✓

Bernard Rubin, "DW" Columnist was issued a press card by the NY City Police Department for 1949. Rubin was also a speaker for the "DW". (Frank Doyle, Security Off., NY City P.D.)

Rubin received a weekly expense check from the "DW".
(No date given;)

NY rpt., 11/18/49
Re: Freedom of the
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C
97-401-360 P. 26, 34, 46
(37) ✓

Martin Lewis ~~had~~ sent a letter to Bernard Rubin, criticizing an article written by Rubin which had appeared in the "DW".

FOIA b) (7) - (D) [redacted] 1/7/49)

Chicago rpt., 10/17/49
Re: Martin Deming Lewis;
IS-C
100-362623-4
(43)✓

On 1/8/49 Helen Wortis of the Congress of American Women urged Bernard Rubin to give space in his "DW" column to the new Polish picture "The Last Stop".

[redacted]
NY rpt., 5/25/49
Re: Congress of
American Women; IS-C
100-344442-155 p. 35
(42)✓

Fred Woltman, staff writer for the "New York World Telegram and Sun" made available to the NY Office material which he had prepared regarding Harlow Shapley. Among the material was a memorandum dated 1/12/49 listing Communist front activities of Shapley in which it was brought out that the play "How I Wonder" by Donald Stewart, was based partly on the life of Shapley. According to Barnard Rubin, the play portrayed the "conflict which faces top modern scientists; science in an ivory tower versus science battling for the common man."

NY Memo, 1/27/50 with encl.
of memo as above
Re: Harlow Shapley; IS-C
100-341825-260
(30)✓

On 1/28/49 Shemas O'Sheel informed Barney Rubin that he, O'Sheel, had been engaged in writing and speaking for the Wallace campaign.

FOIA b (7) - (D)

NY rpt., 3/10/50
Re: Shemas O'Sheel,
was.; SM-C
100-14985-22
(47)✓

In February, 1949, Howard Fast advised Bernard Rubin of the "DW" that he considered the "Committees of Correspondence" to be a worthy cause, and one which should be pushed in Rubin's "DW" column.

Albany Memo, 3/24/53
Re: Cinrad, IS-R
100-190625-4462
(41)✓

FOIA b, 1

~~SECRET~~

Richard Lawrence Deverall wrote in a letter on 2/10/49 that when he was on his way home (from Japan after being in the Army) he stopped off in California and found out that Bernard Rubin, formerly of "Stars and Stripes", then worked for the "DW".

Bureau Memo; 5/5/49
Re: Communist Activity by
US Citizens in Japan;
Richard Lawrence Grace
Deverall, Inft.
100-362853-1
(44)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 2/18/49 in which he stated that there was a Jesuit School in Rome for training agents to be sent into the Soviet Union.

61-4478-A "DW", 2/18/49
(22)✓

On 2/21/49 Forrest Payne, Field Organizer of the United Electric-CIO, Warren, Ohio, requested information on the acquisition of skits and labor plays from Barnard Rubin in care of the "DW", NY City.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Cleveland rpt., 1/24/50
Re: Forrest Woodson Payne;
SM-C
100-50021-30
(27)✓

On the 8th floor of the CP headquarters building at 35 E. 12th Street, NY City, Barnard Rubin, Columnist for "DW" and an employee of Freedom of the Press Company, Inc., had an office, as of March, 1949.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

NY memo, 3/17/49

Re: CP, USA, Organizations; IS-C

100-3-69-450

(25)✓

SI 97-401-294 (ND-426)

(23)✓

The June, 1949 issue of "Plain Talk" carried an article "Kilkenny Alley" in which it was brought out that in the DW of 3/31/49, Barnard Rubin had alleged that Soviet culture was the highest on earth. He wrote: "There is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union today....All the people live in friendship; the Party helps and encourages all to develop their culture."

Encl. of "Plain Talk" as above
with NY memo, 6/6/49

Re: "Plain Talk"; Info. Concerning
94-401-102, encl. p. 27

(23)✓

The 8th CP District (Illinois and Kentucky) Committee met on 3/23/49 at district headquarters, Chicago. At this meeting Claude Lightfoot, District 8 CP Legislative Director, stated that just the week before some columnist in the "DW" (Barnard Rubin, who also writes theater reviews under the name Lee Newton) had written a story to the effect that Fred Fine had organized some 500 people to go to Springfield. The story had a bad effect upon people who were not CP members but who oppose the "Broyles bills". Lightfoot said the story had been corrected after a week but the harm had been done. (Fine was acting chairman of the Illinois CP.)

Fine claimed that Rubin's story had placed "them" in an embarrassing position before the legislative committees conducting hearings on the bills.

Lightfoot stated Rubin was still in Springfield and was coordinating the work of the CIO delegations. ILL.

IDA rpt., 3/25/49
100-3-14-3239
(24) ✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin which appeared in the 3/24/49 "DW", stated that Johannes Steel, publisher of the "Report on World Affairs" newsletter, would start radio commentating over WLIB, NY City, on 4/3/49.

NY rpt., 8/4/50
Re: Johannes Steel,
was.; SM-C
100-2267-281 p. 14
(25) ✓

The "DW" carried a series of three articles by Barnard Rubin, first one on 3/25/49 entitled "Thoughts on the Cultural Struggle Today." The second article appeared on 3/28/49 and was entitled "Behind the Criticism of the Arts in USSR". The third article appeared on 3/31/49 and was entitled "Party Leadership and Culture in USSR". (Contents of articles set forth.)

NY rpt., 5/17/49
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-3009 p. 109,110,111,112
(24) ✓
SI 100-3-4-6665 p. 93,94,95,96
(24) ✓

The "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, for 4/1/49 related to Progressive Party caravans. The caravans were for the purpose of presenting "progressive theater" and to have songs, skits and dances together with a one act play, if possible.

Charlotte rpt., 1/27/50
Re: Progressive Party; IS-C
100-357934-116 p. 5.
(31)✓

The fourth in a series of articles by Barnard Rubin appeared in the "DW" of 4/7/49 and ^{was} entitled "Communist Party and 'Formalism' in USSR." The article stated that in the Soviet Union, the factories were owned by the people and production was for use and not profit.

111-1-240-A "DW", 4/7/49
(34)✓

The "Saturday Review of Literature" issue of 4/9/49 stated that Barnard Rubin reported that Waldo Frank, prominent intellectual who visited Latin American countries, stated Latin American republics had liquidated their pasts and were candidates for citizenship in a new world. Rubin denounced Frank's article as a cultural front of the dollar invasion.

NY rpt., 8/23/49
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-3068 p. 92, 93
(24)✓
SI 100-3-4-6720 p. 89, 90
(24)✓

Under date of 4/18/49 Miriam Rappaport of the Foreign Film Club, wrote a letter to Barney Rubin reminding him of his promise to give the Foreign Film Club some publicity on the showing of the Italian resistance films "Two Anonymous Letters" and "Spanish Gypsies" scheduled for showing on 5/6/49 at the Yugoslav-American Hall, NY City.

FOIA b(7) - (D)

NY rpt., 11/8/49
Re: The German American,
Inc.; IS-C
100-279704-161 p. 9
(47)✓

This reference is a clipping from the 4/20/49 "DW" of an article by Barnard Rubin headed "Waldo Frank, Agent of Wall Street". Rubin stated in the article that Frank had been running all over Latin American countries with apparent approval of the State Department, agitating against Latin American armies.

100-259110-A "DW", 4/20/49
(29)✓

This reference is a clipping from the 4/21/49 "DW" and a continuation of the article in the reference above. The article was headed "Waldo Frank and Cosmopolitanism". Rubin stated that for a time during the depression, Frank headed a progressive writers group. Now, however, Frank was trying to win Latin American youth away from the CP program.

100-259110-A 4/21/49
(29)✓

Bernard Rubin of the "DW" staff was identified as having participated in the 1949 May Day Parade in NY City.

FOIA b 7 - I

NY rpt., 12/8/49
Re: United May Day
Committee, wa.; IS-C
100-16912-123
(40) ✓

On 5/3/49 [] furnished the NY Office with a letter on the stationery of the Jefferson Theater Workshop, and signed by Bill Peuzner, Cultural Director, to Barnard Rubin concerning plays scheduled which would be directed by Al and Anne Saxe.

NY letter, 10/19/49
Re: CP, Dist. 2; SM-C
100-3-4-6750
(24) ✓

Mike Hecht sent Barnard Rubin a critique on Arthur Miller's "Oh My Son" and a discussion on problems of Communist writers by himself and another Chicago Comrade.

[] 5/13/49)

Chicago rpt., 1/12/50
Re: Myer Harold Hecht, was.;
SM-C
100-361611-4
(32) ✓

Bernard Rubin, 50 E. 13th Street, NYC (DW office), corresponded with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the appropriate Field Office was advised on 5/20/49.

No Inft. given
Washington Field Memo, 5/20/49
Re: Sodac; IS-R
65-30092-3473
(36)✓

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 5/27/49 written by Barnard Rubin. The article was entitled "The Big White Fog" in which he compared the Negroes with the white people.

100-3-75-A "DW", 5/27/49
(25)✓

Harry Wartell, business representative in charge of art direction of Realty Players, NY City, wrote a letter on 5/31/49 to Barnard Rubin with which the writer stated he was enclosing a poem for publication in the "DW".

FOIA b(7) - (D)

NY rpt., 8/13/51
Re: Philine Kirkwood, was.;
SM-C
100-377972-6
(33)✓
SI 100-377972-19
(33)✓

A group of Pacific war veterans, Barnard Rubin among them, urged full support to the picket line to be held at Foley Square, NY City, on 8/12/49, to demand the release of Henry Winston, CP official and his two co-defendants, Gil Green and Gus Hall.

100-1473-A "DW", 8/11/49
(25) ✓

In the "DW" of 9/20/49 Barnard Rubin wrote on "How and Why the Theater is Dying". In the article, he noted that the number of theaters in NY City had steadily declined over the years.

In a second article in the "DW" on 9/22/49, Rubin stated that the Broadway theater was free from working class ideas and that censorship was as complete as if the Un-American Activities Committee were the official censorship board.

In Rubin's column in the "DW" of 9/15/49, he stated that the ruling class had never doubted that art was a weapon and the big lie that Communists utilize assassination was a factor on

the cultural front in the theater section with the production last season of Jean-Paul Sartre's play "Red Gloves", with the play being published in book form under the title "Dirty Hands".

NY rpt., 11/29/49

Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C

100-3-4-6760, p. 89, 91.

(24)✓

SI 100-3-3156, p. 107, 109

(24)✓

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

On 3/8/49 [] made available a letter which Stanley Applebaum wrote to Barnard Rubin, praising Rubins work as feature editor of the "DW" and requesting discussion of the play "The Big Knife". Rubin had been employed by the DW from 6/27/47 to 9/15/49.

NY rpt., 5/6/52

Re: Stanley Jerome

Applebaum; SM-C

100-386600-5

(33)✓

The "DW" for 10/5/49 carried an article by Bernard Rubin entitled "What Should Workers Believe About Hollywood?" In the article Rubin pointed out that to spread the illusion that a monopoly capital controlled industry would permit itself to produce films which would challenge its basic values was to spread the same kind of illusion "we" were combatting about the monopoly capital system itself. He stated the people must be educated to know that the Hollywood monopoly controlled film industry and its products were their enemy.

NY rpt., 1/19/50

Re: CP, USA; IS-C

100-3-3196, p. 98

(37) ✓

SI 100-138754-A "DW", 10/5/49

(28) ✓

SI 100-3-4-6782, p. 83

(24) ✓

The NY Security Index contained the name Barnard Rubin of the CP, designated for priority consideration under the COMSAB program as of 10/5/49.

NY letter, 10/5/49
Re: COMSAB; IS-C, R
98-6187-227 p. 6
(23)✓

On 10/24/49 Leon Friedman wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin, asking Rubin how he could get in touch with Canada Lee and King Cole. Friedman stated he was interested in writing music and thought Lee or Cole might be able to help him get his works published.

FOIA b 7 - D

Baltimore rpt., 5/19/49
Re: Leon Peace Friedman; SM-C
100-182468-3
(28)✓

On 12/14/49 Frantisek Vrba, Cultural Attache of the Czechoslovakian Consulate, NY City, talked with Harry Granick (not identified). Granick said that Barney Rubin had told him that Vrba was interested in seeing some scripts.

NY rpt., 3/12/52
Re: Unknown Subj.,
was. Gersten; Esp.-R and Cz
65-60785-1 p. 8
(47)✓

On 12/12/49 Frantisek Vrba attempted to confer with Mr. Rubin (possibly Barnard Rubin) of the "DW" in NY City without success.

On 12/14/49 Vrba conferred with Harry Granich in NY City who said that Barney Rubin had advised him (Granich) that Vrba was interested in seeing some scripts.

On 12/27/49 Lida Stojanova conferred with Herb Tank, "DW" writer, who indicated that Rubin had recommended a play, written by Tank, to Vrba.

FOIA(b)(7) D

NY rpt., 3/7/50

Re: Frantisek Bohumil

Vrba, wa.; IS-R and CZ

100-356461-13, p. 18, 19, 20

(31, 47)✓

SI 1st two par. above:

105-11768-13, p. 12

(34, 47)✓

"Counterattack" of 7/18/52 stated that Herbert Armstrong had taken part in productions of, and otherwise supported, three CP theatrical fronts, namely: New Playwrights, Stage for Action and Freedom Theater. He chaired meetings of New Playwrights in 1950 at which Barnard Rubin had spoken on the use of the theater for CP propaganda.

Bureau Memo, 7/29/52 with
encl. of "Counterattack"
Re: American Business
Consultants, Inc. Counterattack;
Info. Concerning
100-350512-485
(31)✓

The "DW" for 1/18/50 contained an article stating that the second lecture on the cultural front presented by the "DW" would take place on 1/22/50 at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City. The subject of Rubin's lecture was to be "Socialist Realism, the Method of Marxist Critical and Cultural Work."

NY rpt., 6/12/50
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C
100-3-4-6858 p. 73
(38)✓
SI 100-3-4-6827 p. 110
(37)✓

Barnard Rubin wrote an article in the "DW" of 1/19/50 containing a review of the pamphlet entitled "Hungary - - Christian or Pagan." In the article Rubin praised Kenneth Leslie, editor, for his "brilliant and courageous editorship."

NY rpt., 4/19/50
Re: CP, USA; IS-C
100-3-3290 p. 183
(24) ✓
SI 100-60523-128 p. 9 ("DW", 1/18/50)
(40) ✓

Mabel Pollock, fund raiser and organizer of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, wrote to Barnard Rubin of the "DW", NY City, asking if the "Daily" might have space before 1/24/50 to plug for a JAFRC play.

FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 5/8/50
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist
Refugee Committee; IS-C
100-7061-1987 p. 13
(26) ✓

Barnard Rubin's "DW" lecture on Sunday evening, 1/29/50, at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City, was to be on Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman".

100-74972-A "DW", 1/27/50
(28) ✓
SI 100-74972-21 "DW", 1/29/50
(28) ✓

Barnard Rubin was to be the moderator at a forum held on 2/24/50 on "The Negro in the American Theater" sponsored by the Jefferson Theater Workshop, NY City.

FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 5/15/50
Re: Jefferson School of
Social Science; IS-C
100-227027-207 p. 45
(29) ✓

On 2/27/50 [] furnished the NY Office a rough copy of a throwaway entitled "Topical Theater". This throwaway contained a pencilled notation addressed to "Dear Barney" (believed to be Bernard Rubin) which stated "Could you give us a little squib? We offer a real, non-memberistic chance to Workers, but they do not know of us! Please help us?"

NY rpt., 6/27/50
Re: Topical Theater; IS-C
100-368134-3
(44) ✓

Bernard Rubin was employed by Freedom of the Press, publishers of the "DW" in NY City, since November, 1946; born 4/7/15. He married Pearl Rubin on 9/1/46. He was author of the column "Broadway Beat" appearing in the "Worker" and "DW". (Miss Edna Powers, Supervisor, Associated Hospital Service, 26 Street and Lexington Ave., NY City.)

During February, 1950 Rubin was one individual who gave speeches on behalf of the "DW". []

The Director of the Polish Research and Information Service in NY City invited Rubin to a reception on 3/3/50 at which Czeslaw Milosz, leading Polish writer and Cultural Attache, Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., spoke on "The Writer in Present Day Poland". The reception was held at 250 West 57th Street, NY City. FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 6/20/50
Re: Freedom of the
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C
97-401-381, p. 38, 45, 55
(37)✓

The DW for 3/3/50 carried an article by Bernard Rubin announcing a full length musical of Camp Unity's Freedom Theater entitled "It Ain't Chanel". Camp Unity's studio, Freedom Theater, was located at 106 E. 14th St., NYC. (Date of musical not given)

NY rpt., 1/22/53
Re: Elmer Alan Bernstein
100-398307-1
(44)✓

The "DW" of 5/15/50 carried an article entitled "Serious Errors in Finkelstein's Art and Society" by Barnard Rubin. According to T-25 Rubin was an employee of the Freedom of Press and frequent contributor to the "DW".

T-25: Edna Powers, Supvr., Blue
Cross Hospitalization Plan, NY City
NY rpt., 6/26/50
Re: Sidney Finkelstein, was.;
SM-C
100-370103-1
(32)✓

In an interview by Bureau Agents with Albert Nadler on 11/16/53 in NY City, Nadler was asked if he knew Herbert Tank, playwright of the play "Longitude 49" and Barnard Rubin, director of the play. Nadler replied his acquaintance with them was only during the production of the play (which was in April, 1950).

NY memo, 12/8/53

Re: Albert Herman Nadler,

wa.; SM-C

100-330592-9

(30) ✓

The "DW" of 6/13/50 contained an article entitled "Readers Join 'Art and Society' Discussion" which was followed by a statement by the editors that since the recent publication of an article by Barnard Rubin in the "DW" on Sidney Finkelstein's book "Art and Society" and a self-critical article by Finkelstein, the paper had received many letters with different viewpoints. One letter had been received from Lloyd Brown in which he praised the book.

NY rpt., 5/15/50
Re: Lloyd Louis Brown, wa.; SM-C
100-57876-30
(27) ✓

According to Barnard Rubin's column of 12/12/48 in the "DW", the Actors Equity Association union had a membership of 5,889.

In Rubin's column in the "DW" of 12/18/48, he stated the American Guild of Variety Artists had a membership of 1,465.

The "DW" of 7/19/50 indicated that Rubin was Director of New Playwrights, Incorporated. The article also reported that the organization planned to schedule several plays, one being "Candy Store" by Rubin.

The "DW" of 6/13/49 carried an article by Rubin on the play "They Shall Not Die" which stated the play had been successfully launched by Peoples Drama. The article also stated that "we can now say proudly - - and accurately that we have a people's theater."

NY rpt., 11/14/50
Re: Compic; IS-C
100-138754-681 p. 3,6,20,22
(28) ✓
SI last par. above
100-138754-A "DW", 6/19/49
(28) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-138754-639
(28) ✓

(cont.)

SI 3rd par. above
100-140623-31
(41) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-268243-16 ("DW", 8/9/50)
(42) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-330592-7 p. 4 ("DW", 8/9/50)
(30) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-357389-12 ("DW", 8/9/50)
(31) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-382436-5
(33) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-413704-1
(44) ✓
SI 3rd par. above
100-371357-13 ("DW", 8/9/50)
(32) ✓

"The Worker" for 8/6/50 carried an article regarding the organization of New Playwrights, Incorporated, reflecting that Barnard Rubin was one of the members of the Board. The article also quoted Rubin as stating that the organization was "going to build a working class theater for NY, one which will build audiences as well as playwrights and actors," which would "help us fulfill our responsibility to theater going progressives and which will build the kind of theater that we have all been talking about for so long in the left movement."

Memo to NY, 8/22/50
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C
100-371357-1
(32) ✓
SI 100-3-4-6921 p. 111
(24) ✓

On 9/26/50, the NY Office advised the Cincinnati Office that it was not likely that Bernard Rubin, employed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, was identical with Barnard Rubin, subject of NY Security Matter case and was employed by Freedom of the Press, Incorporated.

Cincinnati memo, 10/4/50
Re: Bernard Rubin; Air Force, Dayton, Ohio
Civilian Employee; LGE
121-25543-1
(34) ✓

Bernard Rubin was one of the members of the Screen Directors' Guild of NY City who was considered pro-Communist or sympathetic thereto. (Interview with F. Herrick, Knickerbocker Hotel, NY City, on 9/5/50)

Los Angeles rpt., 9/13/50
Re: Compic; IS-C
100-138754-667 p. 35
(41) ✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 9/12/50 and 9/14/50 [redacted] of Brooklyn who was a [redacted] in the F & D Printing Company, voluntarily appeared at the NY Office and furnished information concerning Freedom of the Press Company, Incorporated, and the F & D Printing Company. (His name must be kept confidential)

[redacted] advised that Barnard Rubin was one of the seven members of the editorial staff of the "DW" ~~staff~~ who were discharged as part of their move to cut down expenses.

NY Memo, 9/28/50
Re: Freedom of the
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C
97-401-396
(23) ✓

New Playwrights, Inc., were to present an evening in honor of George Bernard Shaw at the Czechoslovak Workers House, NY City on 11/11/50. Barnard Rubin was to be chairman of the meeting. (DW, 11/8/50)

The "DW" of 8/9/50 announced that the next play to be produced by New Playwrights would be "Candy Store" by Rubin and Rubin was to direct it.

As of 5/1/50 Rubin was employed by Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, publishers of "DW". (Edna Powers, Supervisor of Associated Hospital Service, NY City.)

As of 12/14/50, Rubin was a CP member. At one time he was CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. He had served in the Army and had been connected with the "Stars and Stripes" from which General Mac Arthur ousted him. On return from the Army, he became a columnist for the "DW".

FOIA b 7 - D

NY rpt., 1/4/51
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C
100-371357-3
(32)✓

Barnard Rubin, on the Board of Directors of New Playwrights, NY City, was identified on 12/14/50 as a member of the CP.

NY rpt., 1/13/51
Re: Compic; IS-C
100-138754-696 p. 8
(28)✓

Barnard Rubin was to be moderator at the theater forum entitled "People's Theater in Action" to be presented at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City on 12/11/49. The guests were to include a number of theater groups, one being People's Drama. ("DW", 12/11/49)

Rubin reviewed the play "They Shall Not Die", presented by People's Drama, in the "DW" of 6/13/49.

The "DW" for 1/3/51 carried a review^{by Rubin} of the play "John Brown" by Theodore Ward, which had been produced by People's Drama.

NY rpt., 1/25/51
Re: People's Drama, Inc.;
IS-C
100-364409-3 p. 27, 33, 35, 40
(32)✓

On 1/24/51 New Playwrights, Incorporated, NY City, wrote letters to Kings County CP officials urging them to request their Comrades to patronize the play "The Candy Store" by Bernard Rubin.

FOIA (b)(7) - (D)

NY City rpt., 4/18/51
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C
100-3-4-6982-p. 77
(38)✓

The "DW" for 1/31/51 carried an article headed "Rubin's 'Candy Store' Premiered by New Playwrights, Feb. 23". The article stated that New Playwrights, Incorporated, announced the opening of the play by Barnard Rubin on 2/23/51 at the Czech Workers House, 347 E. 72 Street, NY City.

The article stated Rubin had been a popular columnist of the "Stars and Stripes", had written for the "Protestant" and other publications on foreign affairs and was a feature editor and drama critic for the "DW".

100-371357-A "DW", 1/31/51
(32)✓

The "DW" for 2/20/51 carried an article headed "Mike Gold Talks About 'Candy Store'". The article told about the play by Barnard Rubin which New Playwrights, Incorporated, was producing. It also gave an account of Rubin's life.

100-371357-A "DW", 2/20/51
(32)✓
SI 100-3-4-6984 p. 117
(38)✓

The "DW" of 3/4/51 carried an advertisement concerning the play "The Candy Store" produced by New Playwrights, Incorporated, and written by Bernard Rubin.

NY rpt., 4/16/51
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C
100-3-4-6980 p. 40
(38)✓

The 3/16/51 issue of "DW" announced the presentation of Barnard Rubin's "The Candy Story" at the Czechoslovak Workers House, NY City, on 3/16-18/51. The play was a New Playwrights production and according to the "DW" for 2/14/51, Rubin was the director of New Playwrights, Incorporated.

FOIA(b)(7) - [] reported on 12/14/50 that Rubin was known to him to be a CP member and at one time was a section organizer in Pennsylvania. Informant also stated that Rubin, while in the Army, was connected with "Stars and Stripes" but was ousted by General Douglas Mac Arthur because of his Communist connections.

NY rpt., 1/13/53
Re: Louise C. Jacobs,
was.; SM-C
100-338562-2
(30)✓

The "DW" of 8/9/50 mentioned that Barnard Rubin was director of New Playwrights, Incorporated, NY City.

The "DW" for 2/7/51; 3/8/51; 3/16/51 and "The Worker" of 3/18/51 all mentioned Hesh Bernardi as ^aactor in Rubin's play "Candy Story" given by the New Playwrights at the Czechoslovak Workers House in NY City.

NY Summary rpt., 7/29/53
Re: Harold Phillip Topf,
wa. Hesh Bernardi; SM-C
100-403569-1 p. 14, 16
(33)✓

The "DW" for 4/23/51 carried an advertisement stating that on that evening "New Playwrights, Incorporated" would present an exhibition of the paintings of Alice Neel and an informal discussion with the audience on "Realism Versus Abstraction", of which Barnard Rubin would be chairman. The meeting was to be held at New Playwrights Theater, 347 East 72nd Street, NY City.

100-371357-A "DW", 4/23/51
(33)✓

On 8/18/51 Elizabeth Gurley Flynn stated that the four Communists who had skipped bail (not further explained) had hidden at Bernard Rubin's place on upper 3rd Avenue, NY City, "but they are not living there now." Rubin was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and a "DW" writer.

(T-16)

T-16: Miss Josephine Truslow
Adams, Suffern, NY
NY rpt., 1/2/52
Re: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn,
wa.; IS-C
100-1287-248 p.11
(39)✓

As of 7/31/52 New Playwrights had a bank balance of \$538.07. Barnard Rubin and Herbert Armstrong were authorized to sign checks. (A. Albert Langrehr, Ass't. Mgr., Lenox Hill Branch of National City Bank of NY City)

As of 12/14/50 Rubin was a CP member. At one time he was CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. He had served in the Army and had been connected with the "Stars and Stripes" from which he was ousted by Gen. Mac Arthur. On return from the Army, he became a "DW" columnist. FOIA b 7 - 0

NY rpt., 8/26/52
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C
100-371357-11 p. 5, 8
(32)✓

The name Bernard Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, NY City appeared in the 9/22/51 mailing list of the USSR Information Bulletin. (T-2) The numbers "8-51" appearing after the name indicated that Rubin had paid for his subscription and that "8-51" was the expiration date of the subscription. (T-3)

T-2: J. M. Graham, Ass't. Inspector
in-charge, Gen. P.O., NY City
T-3: Shorey Allen, Mgr., Darby
Printing Co., Washington, D.C.
NY rpt., 1/16/52
Re: USSR Information Bulletin;
IS-R
100-353703-162 p. 349
(43)✓

The "DW" for 10/30/51 reported that over 300 New Yorkers, among whom was Barnard Rubin, marched in a mass picket line outside the Park Avenue Theater on the previous Thursday night to protest the showing of the Anti-Semitic film "Oliver Twist".

NY rpt., 8/31/54
Re: Provisional Committee
on Oliver Twist; IS-C
100-411267-2
(33) ✓

In the "DW" of 9/19/52 there appeared a statement concerning the production "Wedding in Japan" reported to have been written by New Playwrights, Incorporated. The primary responsibility for the play was to be assumed by two of the founders, Herb Tank and Barnard Rubin.

As of 12/14/50 Rubin was a CP member and had been CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. FOIA(b)(7) D

NY rpt., 8/5/53
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C
100-371357-12 p. 4, 12
(44) ✓

Bernard Rubin (Food Workers Union) was under close investigation by the CP in late 1952 and was suspected of working with the FBI. He was a former writer for the "DW" on foreign affairs. He was suspected of associating with Communists and even employing them in order to obtain information. He was described as an opportunist who was not to be trusted by any CP person.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Chicago Memo, 12/29/52
Re: Toplev; IS-C
100-3-99-1490 p. 15
(39)✓

*Above information was obtained by Inft. through a highly confidential source and must be handled with extreme care.

Barnard Rubin was among the US writers and artists who urged clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

"DW", 1/21/53
100-387835-A
(33)✓
SI 100-387835-A "DW", 2/16/53
(33)✓

The program at the second Jefferson School Friday Evening Cultural Programs consisted of the reading and discussion of a new play by Bernard Rubin. ("DW", 1/30/53)

NY rpt., 4/17/53
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C
100-3-4-7166 p. 113
(38)✓

The 3/16/53 "DW" carried an advertisement concerning Barnard Rubin's play "The Candy Store". Neil Polidori was listed as a member of the cast of the play.

NY Summary rpt., 2/5/54
Re: Neil Stephen Polidori,
was.; SM-C
100-401220-6, p. 4
(33)✓

On 4/29/53 a highly confidential source made available to the NY Office a list of names and addresses purported to be a mailing list of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. One of the names contained in the list was Ben Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, NY City. Each office receiving this list was requested to consider interviewing the individuals listed either as witnesses in the VALB case or as potential confidential informants.

NY Memo, 5/26/53
Re: Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade,
Inc.; IS-C
100-7060-660, p. 8
(13)✓

As of 3/19/54 New Playwrights had no plans for future productions and Herb Tank and Bernard Rubin were engaged in other pursuits. Rubin had some connection with a publishing firm, name unknown. FOIA b 7 - D

According to the "DW" of 9/19/52, Tank and Rubin were two of the founders of New Playwrights, Incorporated.

NY rpt., 4/9/54
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.;
IS-C
100-371357-14
(44) ✓

The NY Office had, under date of 8/20/54, been instructed to contact employees of Tass News Agency, NY City, among whom was Bernard Rubin, in an attempt to develop informants.

In reviewing the NY files on the Tass employees, it was learned that there was no evidence of any dissatisfaction among the employees with their employment or that they were not still in sympathy with Communism nor was there any evidence of dislike of the Soviet Union.

NY Memo, 10/20/54
Re: Tass News Agency; IS-R
100-183386-994
(41) ✓

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